



**Town of Stonington**  
**Shellfish Commission**

152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2014

7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of July 10, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the July 10, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motions were approved unanimously.

- 3) Correspondence

- a) Email dated July 10, 2014, from Mr. Robert C. Russo, CLA Engineers, Inc., to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: CT DEEP shellfish commission referral form and plan to replace an existing outlet and pipes that currently drain the upstream mill complex on Bayview Avenue.
- b) A letter dated July 21, 2014 from Cindy Bayreuther, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application drawing for Brewer's Yacht Yard to extend an existing dock.

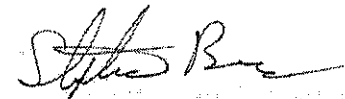
- 4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**  
All conditional areas and approved areas were re-opened on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Water testing of samples on July 30<sup>th</sup> from all areas had excellent results.
- b) **Application by Brewer's Yacht Yard to extend an existing dock**—no comment
- c) **Application by the Town of Stonington to improve drainage of Bayview Avenue**—no comment
- d) **Discuss the allocation of funds to re-stock the conditional shellfishing areas.**  
A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to allocate \$3500 for the purchase of clams. The motion was approved unanimously.
- e) **Discuss a pilot project to plant oyster seed in Area A or B** Juvenile oysters will be placed in

Area B in order to determine the feasibility of the area for growing oysters.

- f) **Enforcement-** The SSC boat has been patrolling the waters.
  - g) **Equipment** – The equipment is working well.
  - h) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration**
    - a) A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$173.38 for a new prop for the SSC boat. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - b) A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to allocate \$395 to pay AGJO Printing and Copying for SSC printing costs. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - c) The missing permit book presumed stolen from Don's Dock was accidentally misplaced and later found on the premises.
  - i) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion**– no news
- 5) **New Business- Discussion concerning the methods of recreational shellfishing in Stonington waters.** – The SSC determined, with input from commercial shellfishing professionals, that using a recreational dredge in town waters was not safe. Using only hand implements was also consistent with the SSC's commercial shellfishing policies.
- 6) **Adjournment-** A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Brown, Secretary