



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2014
7:00 PM

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, September 11, 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. Don Raffo, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Call to order-Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of August 7, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve the August 7, 2014 regular meeting as presented. The motions were approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

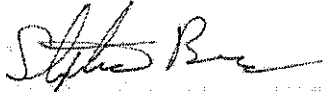
- a) Email dated August 14, 2014, from Mr. David Provencher Coastline Consulting and Development, LLC, to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Clarification regarding Mystic Point Marina dredging.
- b) A letter dated August 29, 2014 from Mr. David Provencher Coastline Consulting and Development, LLC, to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: A Structures, Dredging and Fill application by Masons Island Boatyard to dredge their existing marina basin in Mystic Harbor.
- c) A letter dated September 4, 2014, from Mr. David Provencher Coastline Consulting and Development, LLC, to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: A Structures, Dredging and Fill application by the Town of Stonington to dredge Mason Island Landing.
- d) Email dated September 5, 2014 from Mr. Steven Reviczky Commissioner, CT Department of Agriculture to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Update on DoAg's modernization efforts in response to written and verbal inquiries.
- e) Email dated September 9, 2014 from Mr. Keith Vandal, Program Manager, CES Inc., to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Request for unused seafloor beds for educational purposes.

4) Business

- a) **Set the 2015 regular meeting schedule** SSC meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month.

- b) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
All conditional areas and approved areas were opened on August 21. Water testing of samples on August 27th from all areas had excellent results.
 - c) **Application by Toll Brothers, Inc. to install an outlet control structure and pipe from Whitehall Pond to an outfall at the Mystic River**—no comment
 - d) **Application by Andre Maurice to construct a fixed pier, ramp, and floating dock in the Mystic River near Riverbend Drive**—no comment
 - e) **Update on the re-stocking the conditional shellfishing areas.** September 27th is the planned date for re-stocking the areas.
 - f) **Update on the pilot project to plant oyster seed Area B** Oyster seeds will be planted on September 27th.
 - g) **Set the opening date, regulations and permit fees for the 20142015 scallop season**
A motion was made by Mr. Don Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to open the 2014- 2015 scallop season on Saturday, October 11 2014 at sunrise and close at sunset on March 31 2015, maintaining current regulations and permit fees. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - h) **Enforcement-** The SSC boat has been patrolling the waters
 - i) **Equipment – update on trailer repairs-** The trailer will continue to be housed at Don's Dock.
 - j) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration** none to report
 - k) **Discuss the September 5, 2014 memo from Commissioner Reviczky (CT DoAg) regarding Connecticut Shellfish Bed Management Modernization**
Mr. Don Murphy plans to review the lease agreement and then brief the first selectman on the memo.
 - l) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion – no news**
- 5) **Adjournment-** A motion was made by Mr Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Brown, Secretary