



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2014
7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, October 2, 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 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of September 11, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the September 11, 2014 regular meeting as presented. The motions were approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

- a) Email dated September 24, 2014, from Mr. Keith Vandal, Program Manager, CES Inc., to Mr. Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: CES will continue to seek unused seafloor beds for educational purposes by contacting the Bureau of Agriculture and will reach out to Mr. Steve Plant for advice about the project.

4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
All conditional areas and approved areas were open for the entire month of September. Water testing of samples on September 28th from all areas had excellent results.
- b) **Brief Review of the water sampling requirements for conditional shellfishing areas**
Five APC (Adverse Pollution Conditions) samples need to be taken at each station each year. They need to be taken four or fewer days from a rainfall event of greater than .25 of an inch. According to the fecal coliform test, the water quality in our conditional shellfishing areas is spectacularly good.
- c) **Update on the re-stocking the conditional shellfishing areas.** October 18 is the planned date for re-stocking the areas.
- d) **Update on the pilot project to plant oyster seed Area B** Oyster seeds will be planted on October 18th.
- e) **Review of preparations for the 2014-2015 scallop season.** The permits are ready for the October

11th opening.

- f) **Enforcement** – The SSC boat has been patrolling the waters.
 - g) **Equipment – update on trailer repairs**–The trailer has been repaired and came in under budget.
 - h) **Discuss Sea Grant’s Economic Assessment of Recreational Shellfishing in Connecticut**
As part of the four-step process being conducted by Sea Grant, Ms. Tessa Getchis filled out the survey on behalf of the SSC.
 - i) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration**– A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$57 to AGJO Printing and Copying for the printing of 100 scallop permits.
 - j) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion**– A commercial shellfishing harvest permit was bought by Mr. Fred Emery.
- 5) New Business- none
- 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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary