

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**11 October 2007**

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Human Services Meeting Room at 166 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister to approve the 5 September 2007 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Raffo made a second to the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter dated 13 October, 2007 from Cynthia Ladwig, Stonington Town Clerk to Commission Chairperson re: Regular meeting schedule form.
2. A letter dated 6 September, 2007 from Maryanna Stevens, Stonington Finance Director to Department Heads, Program Directors, Chairpersons of Boards and Commission re: 2007-2008 Year to date budget reports.
3. A letter dated 1 September 2007 from CTOLISP re: Parry dock application 200601327-DL for public review and comment.
4. A letter dated 27 September 2007 from CTOLISP re: Stonington Seahawk car top boat launch ramp application 200601097-SB for public review and comment.
5. A letter dated 30 September 2007 from CTOLISP re: McCagg dock application 20003372-MG for public review and comment.
6. A letter dated 7 October 2007 from CTOLISP re: Elesh dock application 20003468-DL for public review and comment

**BUSINESS**

- 1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas* – Area A and Outer Quiambaug were open for the entire month of September due to limited rainfall and samples collected on 19 September all had good results. Vendor receipts were reviewed for the \$4,500 worth of clams received and distributed in Area A and Outer Quiambaug Cove. Dave Motherway estimate SSC received ~31,600 clams. He surveyed both areas 2 days after clams were put on the bottom and noted ~50% were dug in at Outer Quiambaug, and all appeared dug in at Area A.
- 2) *Equipment* – The new outboard motor has been installed on the Shellfish Warden's boat and is working well. A warrantee has been received on the motor and will be kept on file.
- 3) *Update on the 2007-2008 scallop season in Stonington waters* – Scallop permits were issued to vendors. On October 18, 2007, a dive team lead by Barry Smith from NMFS Milford Labs will look for adult Scallops in Little Narragansett Bay and distribute some scallop seed at the same time.
- 4) *Update on the Scallop Enhancement Project in LNB (The Nature Conservancy)* – tabled until next meeting.
- 5) *Application No. 200601372-DL by John and Julia Parry to construct a dock in the Mystic River near Seal Rocks* – Project site is located near area proposed for oyster aquaculture by Stonington Farms Shellfish, Inc. (Kevin Blados). No concerns from SSC but will request that the applicant be notified of the proposed aquaculture activity nearby.
- 6) *Application No. 200601097-SB by Stonington Seahawk, LLC to install a public car-top boat ramp at Oxacossett Brook* – No comment.

- 7) *Summary of Commercial Activities* – Steve Plant and Jim Markow gave favorable reports.
- 8) *Public hearing on an application by Aeros Oyster Company/CT Cultured Oysters to use 16.4 acres of shellfish grounds in the Town of Stonington waters in the Mystic River near Murphy Point for the purpose of conducting aquaculture* – The special meeting was suspended at 8:12 pm for the public hearing for Application AQP 05-2007-2017. The applicants gave a presentation and no public comments were received as no members of the public were present, and no written comments were received in the SSC mailbox as of 3:38 pm this afternoon. A **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Banister, and passed unanimously. Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to go into executive session to discuss remuneration, seconded by Mr. Banister and passed unanimously. The commission entered executive session at 8:20 pm with members present Mr. Banister, Mr. Raffo, Mr. Swenarton, and Mr. Murphy. The commission came out of executive session at 8:39 PM. No votes were taken in the executive session. The applicants returned at the conclusion of the executive session. The applicants agreed in concept to the remuneration proposal of \$60/acre/year in cash, cash value in shellfish, cash value in services in support of the SSC shellfish management projects, or a combination of these to be agreed upon yearly. This proposal will be included in the draft Aquaculture License Agreement to be discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime, the applicants can begin working the grounds immediately.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectively submitted,

John Swenarton, Acting Secretary