

STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6 FEBRUARY 2008

A meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Stonington Human Resources Services Building. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Ms. Tessa Getchis, and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister to accept the minutes of the 20 December 2007 meeting, as amended. Ms. Getchis made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) A memo dated 26 December 2007 from Mr. Murphy to permit vendors re: fee increases for shellfishing
- 2) A letter dated 27 December 2007 from Connecticut Department of Agriculture to Mr. Murphy re: award of Ag Viability Grant

BUSINESS

1) Conditional Shellfishing Areas

- a) Areas A, Area B and Outer Quaimbog Cove were open for the entire month of January, and closed 2 February due to rainfall
- b) A motion was made by Mr. Banister to approve a payment of \$86.00 to cover the cost of printing shellfishing pamphlets. Ms. Getchis made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2) Gathering of Shellfish Commissions

- a) Mr. Banister attended the 4th Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions. Fourteen commissions and 49 individuals attended this event which featured presentations on GIS and its applications and the history of the LIS oyster fishery.

3) Ag Viability Grant

- a) Mr. Murphy reported that he has exchanged emails with Ron Olsen of the Department of Agriculture. He is going to request that the contract between the State and the Town reflect the fact that UConn is a project partner and will be responsible for covering the match for the project.

4) Budget

- a) Tabled until next meeting

5) Ram Point Cove LLC, dock application

- a) The Commission has no comments.

6) National Railroad Passenger Corporation, coastal consistency review

- a) The Commission has no comments.

4) Jonathan Ayers, dock application

- a) Commission members were concerned with the excessive length of the dock. Most of the other structures only reach the -1 to -2 ft MLW mark. There is also a desire to minimize encroachment on eelgrass grounds in the deeper areas. Mr. Murphy will submit a letter expressing the Commission's concerns.

5) Summary of Commercial Activities

- a) Kevin Blados reported that he has been working on his State permit requirements and has not been on the water.

NEW BUSINESS

none

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Banister made a motion to adjourn the 6 FEBRUARY 2008 meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission. Ms. Getchis made a second, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Getchis, Acting Secretary