

SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
05 August 2009

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Human Services Building. Members present were Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister; acting Secretary, and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes of the May 6, 2009 were reviewed. Mr. Raffo made a motion to accept them as presented. Mr. Banister seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Minutes for the July 22 meeting were not acted on.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. A letter dated 25 July 2009 from Mr. Murphy, Chairman of the Commission to Mr. Michael Grzywinski of Long Island Sound Programs with regard to Rolland Violet for dock application # 20080 2501– MG in area A.

BUSINESS:

1. Conditional Shellfish Areas: Rainfall during the month of July was 14.3 inches and closed shell fishing areas. Areas were open for recreational activity only 8 of 31 days during the month.

2. Equipment:

a. There was \$69.97 worth of equipment purchased for the shellfish boat from Wilcox. Mr. Raffo made a motion to allocate up to \$70 to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried unanimously.

3. Enforcement:

a. The Warden is negotiating for \$3000 of hard shell clams that will be used to restock the recreational areas.

4. Update on GIS Project:

a. There has been a final accounting of the project. All bills have been paid.

b. The Town advanced the Commission \$8000 to pay the final bills and the Commission is seeking reimbursement from the State.

5. Commercial Activity:

a. A Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit # 09-01 has been issued to Michael Theiler of Janette T. Fisheries LLC, CT Aquaculture Permit #: CT 29 SS and CT 29 S/R. The permit expires December 31, 2009.

b. Dennis Meyers of Better Farms was present and asked about the open waters in the town before applying for a commercial permit. He was also looking for ways to depurate clams in a way that would fit under the license agreement. He was told there were no guarantees in Town waters, that areas for harvest are limited and the licensing process is expensive.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no new business Mr. Raffo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Banister and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:34.

Submitted,
Alan Banister, acting secretary