

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

5 May 2011

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at Town Hall. Voting members present were Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Alan Desbonnet, Acting Secretary, and Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman.

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

The 07 April 2011 minutes reading and approval was tabled until the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter dated 04 May 2011 from Docko, Inc. to Mr. Murphy re: Marco dock consultation form.
2. An email dated 05 May 2011 from Steve Plant, Connecticut Cultured Oysters to Mr. Murphy re: reduced acreage in use for aquaculture to reflect nonuse of the Mason's Island area.

BUSINESS

- 1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas*
 - a) Area A, Outer Quiambaug Cove and Area B were open 01-12 April, closed 13-24 April, and open 25-30 April; Area B was closed on 01 May for the boating season as per the MOU with DA/BA.
 - b) Mr. Murphy reported that the commission is first in line for clams for transplant and hopes to conduct a transplant prior to the end of May. Jim Markow offered assistance in the transplant.
- 2) *Berte Dock Consultation*
 - a) Docko, Inc. made a presentation of the proposed work.
 - b) The commission had no comment.
- 3) *Marco Dock Consultation*
 - a) Docko, Inc. made a presentation of the proposed work.
 - b) The commission requested that the dock be removed from the water prior to 15 November each year so as not to conflict with the scallop harvest season, and will submit official comments with this stipulation.
- 4) *The Nature Conservancy Funds*
 - a) Mr. Murphy reported that there are approximately \$1500 of TNC funds remaining and that they will not be used for scallop restoration and he is therefore working with Town Hall to transfer funds back to TNC.
- 5) *Enforcement*
 - a) The boat is in the water for the season.
 - b) A **motion** was made by Mr. Swenarton to allocate \$984.00 for commission of the boat. A second to the motion was provided by Mr. Raffo, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- 6) *Commercial Activities*

- a) Kevin Blados reported he is getting things together for the season and hopes to be working in Stonington sometime in June.
- b) Jim Markow noted he would like to continue using the area above Mason's Island, despite the blue crab problem experienced last year. He also offered to harvest clams for commission in clean waters and transplant them to Area A as part of the remuneration for aquaculture in town waters. It was agreed to consider this for the transplant of clams from waters south of Area B into Area A. Mr. Murphy agreed to look into getting the appropriate permits.

NEW BUSINESS

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There being no further business, Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Desbonnet. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan Desbonnet". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Alan Desbonnet; Acting Secretary