

STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
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A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St, Stonington, CT. Voting members present were, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
- 2) Review and approval of minutes – A **Motion** by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve the April 7, 2011 regular meeting minutes with one minor typographical amendment was passed with three votes in favor, none opposed, and one abstention (Mr. Raffo). A **Motion** by Mr. Raffo, seconded by Mr. Swenarton, to approve the May 5, 2011 minutes as written was passed unanimously. A **Motion** by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve the June 8, 2011 special meeting minutes was passed with three votes in favor, none opposed, and one abstention (Mr. Swenarton).
- 3) Correspondence
  - a) Memo dated June 22, 2011 from Donald Murphy, SSC to Maryanna Stevens, Town of Stonington Director of Finance re: reimbursement to The Nature Conservancy.
- 4) Business
  - a) Conditional Shellfish Areas – Monitoring reports and sampling results for June 2011 were reviewed. Conditional Areas A and Outer Quiambaug were closed on two occasions (12 and 23 June) due to rain events exceeding 1". Routine sampling was conducted on 15 and 29 June with good results reported in all sampling sites except Area A site 11.3 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Some sampling was also done on 21 June but results have not yet come in.
    - i) Follow-up surveys by SSC Warden Dave Motherway indicated that the 11 June clam restocking effort was successful.
    - b) Discuss plans for a survey of the clam population in Little Narragansett Bay - Jon Mitchell of Pine Point School has contacted SSC regarding his interest in conducting a clam survey with his students. Mr. Murphy expressed concern that historical scallop areas should be avoided. These areas, along with boundaries for Stonington water need to be delineated prior to any survey work. SSC can provide a small bull rake for use a sampling device. A subcommittee was formed (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Banister) that will meet with Mr. Mitchell and report back to SSC.
    - c) Enforcement – Warden Motherway's patrol logs were reviewed. A Motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve expenditure of \$120 to renew Boat US towing insurance of the SSC patrol boat. The motion was passed unanimously
  - d) Equipment
    - i) Discussion of Mr. Taylor's potential offer to donate a boat and motor to SSC – Mr. Lawrence Taylor of Yankee Oyster Co. is considering offering an 18' wooden Sharpie work boat with a 35 hp Honda outboard to SSC. Possible uses were discussed and the boat will be more closely evaluated if the offer comes about.
    - ii) Review reimbursement request by Mr. Murphy – Mr. Murphy summarized the reimbursement request dated 13 June 2011 for \$615.04 he submitted to the Finance Dept. Mr. Raffo made a **Motion** to approve the request that seconded by Mr. Swenarton, and approved unanimously.

e) Summary of commercial activities

- i) Review of remuneration status – Spreadsheets developed to track remuneration by aquaculturists were reviewed with Steve Plant and Kevin Blados and all seemed to be in good order. It was noted that Connecticut Cultured Oysters was no longer in a partnership with Aeros Oyster Co. on license AQP-05-2007-2017 and that documentation was needed. Mr. Murphy will draft a memo for SSC review
- ii) Future commercial clamming activities in Stonington – tabled.

5) New Business – none.

6) Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to adjourn, which Mr. Banister provided a second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectively submitted,

  
John Swenarton, Acting Secretary