

STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2011

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall. Voting members present were Mr. Donald Murphy, Mr. Donald Raffo and Mr. Alan Banister and Mr. Carl Hillegass.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mr. Raffo made a motion to accept the July 7, 2011 minutes as amended and it was seconded by Mr. Bannister and unanimously accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email from C. Littlefield from the Nature Conservancy acknowledging the receipt of the remaining funds from the scallop restoration project was entered into the record.

BUSINESS

1. Conditional Shellfish areas:

Area A, was open from 7/8/11 to the present. Outer Quiambaug was open all month. Area B is closed until November.

The warden indicated that good catches are being made.

A discussion on having a grower dredge area B or C for clams to cover their remuneration to the commission was discussed. Mr. Murphy will contact some of the growers to see if this will be possible.

2. Clam Restocking:

Another clam restocking is scheduled for September. A motion was made by Mr. Raffo to allocate up to \$3500.00 for clam restocking was seconded by Mr. Banister and unanimously approved.

3. Budget:

A summary of collections was provided to the commission.

4. Equipment:

The boat has been in the water and appears to be running well.

5. Enforcement:

The commission was provided with a copy of the log book of the warden for review. A request was made to pay \$329.00 to AGJO for 1000 shellfishing permits. A motion was made by Mr. Hillegass and seconded by Mr. Banister to pay this amount, and was unanimously passed.

6. Commercial Activities:

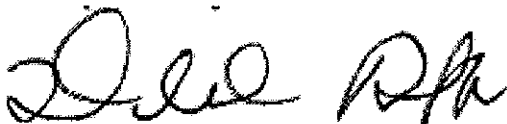
Kevin Blados discussed the requirements for a dock owner to grow oysters from their docks. Mr. Murphy said he would look into the permitting process for this to occur.

Fred Emery had a discussion about future clamming opportunities in Stonington. The discussion covered available areas, permits required, methods and depuration requirements. Mr. Emery will continue to explore the possibility of commercial clamming in Stonington.

The current list of remuneration amounts due from the lease holders was reviewed.

At 7:55 a motion was made by Mr. Raffo to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Banister. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Raffo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald Raffo