



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2012

7:00 PM

A special 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) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2012 – Review and approval of April and May 2012 minutes were tabled until a quorum of member who attended those meeting are present.
- 3) Correspondence
 - a) Email dated 8 May 2012 from Lawrence H. Taylor to Don Murphy relinquishing his rights to a 7 acre site leased by Yankee Oyster.
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfishing Areas – Areas A, B, and Outer Quiambaug were closed for much of May due to periodic rainfall events. Areas A and Outer Quiambaug were opened on 24 May based on good test results from samples collected on 22 May.
 - b) Consider allocating funds for restocking the conditional shellfish areas – A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to allocate \$1930 to purchase hard clams for restocking of conditional shellfish areas. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - c) Equipment
 - i) Consider allocating funds to prepare boat for launching - A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously to allocate \$1500 to prepare the SSC boat for launching.
 - ii) Ian Hetherington of Don's Dock has offered a slip for the SSC boat at no charge.
 - d) Enforcement– Warden Dave Motherway has begun patrols.
 - e) Consider an application by Mr. Robert Bescher to retain an existing repair to a boat ramp on the north shore of Mason's Island – Detailed plan was included in May meeting packet. SSC has no comment on the application
 - f) Review of the shellfishing section of the Stonington Harbor Management Plan – A subcommittee was formed to revise the shellfishing section of the plan (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Desbonnet) and the modified language was reviewed.
 - g) Summary of commercial activities – Kevin Blados reported good oyster growth and sales and asked for an abbreviated permit lease code or acronym to simplify reporting and correspondences. Remuneration spreadsheets were reviewed.
- 5) New Business
 - a) Mr. Murphy informed the SSC that the Save the Bay Little Narragansett Bay Working

Group will have a meeting on June 20, 2012 at 2:30 – 7:00 pm at the Westerly Land Trust office.

- b) Mr. Thomas Blumie summarized preliminary plans for dock and upland construction for a shellfish hatchery on Rosaleah Drive.
- 6) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Swenarton, and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Swenarton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Swenarton, Acting Secretary