



**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

18 July 2012

A meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton, Ms. Tessa Getchis and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

A review of the minutes was tabled until the August meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

BUSINESS

1) Conditional Shellfishing Areas

- a) Area A and Outer Quiambaug Cove were opened until June 1, closed from June 2-9, open from June 10-24, and closed again from June 25-30. Area B remains closed per MOU.
- b) A motion was made by Mr. Banister to allocate \$329.50 for printing of the shellfish permits and associated maps. Mr. Raffo made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- c) A motion was made by Mr. Raffo to allocated \$857.86 for expenses incurred by Mr. Murphy on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- d) The Commission discussed placing a demarcation sign at or near Andrew's Island to indicate the boundary between Area A and Area B.
- e) The Commission discussed the harvest of ribbed mussels and will be looking into any legal authority the town or state has to regulate this species.
- f) The Commission discussed the desired responsibilities of the new warden position and how that position would be advertised. Members expressed an interest in expanding the role of the warden to include some of the water sampling and sample transport responsibilities. Mr. Murphy plans to revise the announcement and send a draft to the Town for review.

2) Dock Application

- a) The Commission considered the dock application by Mr. James Coelho of 38 Cove Road and has no comment on the project.

3) Summary of Commercial Activities

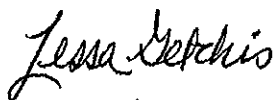
- a) Mr. Plant stated that the shellfish classification for the Mystic River will be upgraded seasonally (in winter). No written confirmation has yet been received from DA/BA.

NEW BUSINESS

none

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Banister made a motion to adjourn the 18 July 2012 meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission. Mr. Swenarton made a second, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tessa Getchis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Tessa Getchis, Acting Secretary