



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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 4, 2013**  
**7:00 PM**

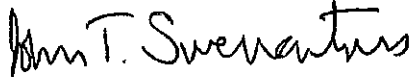
A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St., Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of September 6, 2012 and February 7, 2013.
  - a) A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve the September 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with one abstention (Mr. Swenarton)
  - b) A **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the February 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3) Correspondence
  - a) Email dated March 22, 2013 from Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, Pine Point School to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission re: request for letter of permission to harvest shellfish for educational purposes.
  - b) Letter dated April 4, 2013 from Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission to Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, Pine Point School re: permission from SSC to harvest shellfish from Stonington water for use in scientific studies.
- 4) Business
  - a) Conditional Shellfishing Areas –Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason’s Island - All conditional beds were opened on March 8, 2013 following excellent water sample results on March 5, 2013. Meat samples were also collected on March 5, 2013 in Outer Quiambaug, with good analytical results. Water sampling was conducted again on March 13, 2013, and analytical results were also very good.
  - b) Discuss the reclassification of Mystic Harbor’s shellfish growing waters – The Conn. Dept. of Agriculture/Aquaculture Division has produced a report that proposes to reclassify certain waters in the lower Mystic River as conditional areas. However, the proposed northern boundary is south of areas used by aquaculturists that had hoped for direct harvest during winter months. SSC has concerns for the potential commercial and recreational impacts of the proposed reclassification and has pledged to work towards a possible extension of the proposed northern boundary.
  - c) Discuss plans for a meeting with EPA LISS Habitat Restoration Workgroup – The Workgroup is interested in shellfish restoration and would like to meet with Shellfish Commissions to discuss their interests. Chairman Murphy will attend a preliminary meeting with Georgia Basso, Workgroup Lead, on behalf of SSC.
  - d) Review new shellfish information handout; map for the trifold and regulations, etc. – New draft map was reviewed and the members had only minor suggestions. Chairman Murphy will update and present at the next meeting.
  - e) Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration – An email from the Finance Director

and remuneration status spreadsheets were reviewed.

- f) Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion – Steve Plant from the Noank Aquaculture Coop reported on the purchase of a new boat for his operation.
- 5) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made by Mr. Raffo, seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectively submitted,



John Swenarton, Acting Secretary