



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 3, 2013  
7 PM

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

- 1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

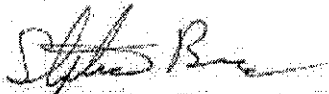
- a) Memo dated September 24, 2013 from Ms. Joan McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Keith B. Neilson, Docko, Inc., to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission, re: forward application by New England Science and Sailing Foundation (NESS) to modify dock.
- b) Email dated October 3<sup>rd</sup> from Mr. Keith B. Neilson, Docko, Inc., to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission requesting that NESS discussion be tabled to next month's meeting.

4) Business

- a) **Conditioning Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island**  
All conditional beds were closed at the beginning of September due to 2.5 inches of rain. They reopened on September 13. Water testing on September 10<sup>th</sup> yielded good results. Approved areas yielded good results as well considering the amount of rainfall.
- b) **Update on the new seasonally conditional shellfishing area in Mystic River**  
The amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be finalized once the requisite signatures have been obtained. There has been no word from the Groton shellfish commission.
- c) **Update on re-stocking conditional areas in October.** The SSC decided to re-stock the conditional areas on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013.

- d) **Discuss application by NESS Foundation to modify their dock in Stonington Harbor.** –tabled
  - e) **Enforcement.** Shellfish Warden Russell has been patrolling. He will take Ms. Shannon Kelley to test the restricted areas in the Pawcatuck river.
  - f) **Equipment- update on GPS purchase.**  
The SSC decided to purchase a mounted GPS (Garmin) system, but will wait to make the purchase when it is on sale in the off season. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$120 for the purchase of a battery for the boat.
  - g) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Permit sales were reviewed as well as the bills from Don's Dock, Wilcox Marine Supply, and AGJO Printing and Copying. Remuneration spreadsheets were reviewed with Aeros Oyster Company, Connecticut Cultured Oysters, and Stonington Farms Shellfish. A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to allocate \$55 for printing of scallop permits.
  - h) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussions.** Mr. David Motherway has applied for a commercial harvesting permit for 2014. Chairman Murphy would like to discuss, at a future meeting, areas that commercial fisherman would be able to utilize.
- 5) New Business- No new business to report.
- 6) Adjournment- A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Steve Brown, Secretary