



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 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. Steve Brown; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

- 1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the October 3, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 3) Correspondence

- a) Email dated October 16th, 2013 from Mr. Steve Plant, Connecticut Oysters, to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission, informing the commission that the Mystic Waste Water Treatment Plant's new UV system will be on-line this November, and in April 2014, a Bio Magnetite system will be installed; the two systems working together will produce effluent that will be near drinking water standards.

- 4) Business

- a) **Discuss application by the New England Science and Sailing Foundation to modify their dock in Stonington Harbor.** The SSC decided not to comment on the application.
- b) **Set date and location for 2014 Commission meetings.** The SSC will meet on the first Thursday of each month, at 7PM, at the Stonington Town Hall.
- c) **General discussion on role and activities of the Stonington Shellfish Commission.**  
Mr. Murphy discussed, with the aid of a Power Point presentation, the geography of the local shellfishing areas, the stocking of the beds, the role of local shellfish harvesters, enforcement (education of the general public), purchasing of permits, water quality analysis, bed closures and the impact of run-off on shellfish with students from Mitchell College.
- d) **Conditioning Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island.**

All conditional beds were open for the entire month of October. Area B opened on November 1. Water testing on October 29 yielded good results.

- e) **Update on the new seasonally conditional shellfishing area in the Mystic River.**  
The amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be finalized once the Groton shellfish commission signs off on it.
- f) **Discuss the list of issues from the Shellfish Management Plans meetings.** All questions should be emailed to Tessa Getchis of UConn Sea Grant ([tessa.getchis@uconn.edu](mailto:tessa.getchis@uconn.edu)) by November 11, 2013.
- g) **Enforcement.** Shellfish Warden Russell has been patrolling on the weekends.
- h) **Equipment- Discuss plans to take the shellfish boat out of the water, winter storage plans, and update on GPS purchase.** The boat will be taken out of the water after the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> and will be stored at Don's dock for the winter. A wiring issue will have to be addressed at some point. A mounted GPS (Garmin) system, will be purchased when it is on sale in the off season.
- i) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Bills from Don's Dock were reviewed as well as the bill for the purchase of clams from Bloom Shellfish Company. Remuneration spreadsheets were reviewed with Aeros Oyster Company, Connecticut Cultured Oysters, and Stonington Farms Shellfish. Mr. Dave Motherway bought a commercial harvesting shellfish permit.
- j) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussions.** No news to report.

5) New Business- No new business to report.

6) Adjournment- A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Steve Brown, Secretary