



Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Larry Tytla and Tom Bowlen, Fred Grimsey, J. Patrick Kelly and Erik Kanter

Absent/excused: Rich Miller and Paul Spakowski

Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by T. Bowlen, seconded by P. Kelly; E. Kanter abstain, motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after review of the financials and the March checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by E. Kanter, seconded by L. Tytla; motion passed unanimously. The rain gauge invoice was paid to USGS; both East Lyme and Waterford Shellfish commissions were billed their portions due of \$1750.00 each.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The clamming areas are currently open, samples are scheduled for Wednesday next week.
 - Boat snaps were replaced but still need to find pricing to repair T-top stitching.
 - ☑ The demarcation signs will be installed next week.
 - ☑ Jordan Cove demarcation signs also need installation and Chief Chmiel will contact Doug Lawson.
 - ☑ Assistance was offered to gather samples for DA/BA, but was not cost effective.
 - ☑ There was discussion of expanding the open area location at Sandy Point.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) A brief discussion was held regarding the special meeting held on March 27, 2014 regarding new procedure in the transportation of samples.
 - b) Per the request of the Town Clerk of East Lyme, motions from the previous meeting on March 20th were to be voted on at the next meeting due to a mishap with the Agenda filing and meeting dates in March, in order to be officially submitted.

Motion 1: Approval of Secretary's minutes from the February meeting, reviewed at the March 20th meeting, approved by E. Kanter, seconded by T. Bowlen, motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2: Approval of the Treasurer's reports presented at the March 20th meeting; by L. Tytla, seconded by P. Kelly, motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3: Approval of clamming permit fees increase and changes made as discussed at the March 20th meeting; by P. Kelly, seconded by L. Tytla, E. Kanter abstain, motion passed.

7) New Business-

- a) Alternatives to the USGS rain gauge were reviewed. The EL Harbor Management Shellfish Commission found an alternative; a module that will gauge the rain installed at the Town dispatch center. The cost would be much lower; approximately \$300 to \$500 but not unlimited notification as the USGS rain gauge system currently being utilized. Other questions such as data archiving, phone lines and email notification were discussed. Triggers would also need to be addressed per the MOU requirements if this sort of system were to be in place.
- b) Chief Chmiel will check on pricing to repair the T-top for the wardens boat and bring information to the commission for approval at the next meeting. The boat will also need an oil change.
- c) The Town's grant funding requests have not yet been approved.
- d) The pumpout boat and its funding were discussed.
- e) A request by E. Kanter to review the prior year's USGS rain gauge billing to the EL Harbor Management Shellfish Commission will be handled by A. Tinker and reported to Don Landers.

8) Correspondence –

- a) P. Kelly will contact Docko regarding the dock application for Mr. Keatly that was just received.

9) Public Input - None

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm on a motion by P. Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission