



Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 16, 2014 East Lyme Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, Eric Kanter, Paul Spakowski, Larry Tytla and Tom Bowlen

Absent/Excused: Fred Grimsey, J. Patrick Kelly and Rich Miller

Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel, Lou Bull, Keith Neillson of Docko Inc.

- 1) The Special meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the December 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by T. Bowlen; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after review of the financials and the December checking account bank reconcilement; including any checks disbursed on a motion by E. Kanter, seconded by T. Bowlen; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The clamming areas are currently open.
 - Warden's boat had a new inverter/charger installed by Boats Inc.
 - Shannon of DA/BA will no longer have a state vehicle and be unable to pickup and deliver samples to the lab for testing. There was much discussion on finding a resolution to sample delivery including coordinating with other towns along the shore.
 - There were a few non legal size scallop shells found recently; a good sign for next year.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports None
- 6) Old Business-
 - The B. Vincenti dock application for 97 Oswegatchie Road was updated and presented by KeithNeillson of Docko Inc. After review of the changes the commission agreed there was no detrimental effect on shellfishing.
 - <u>Motion 1</u>- To approve the dock application for B. Vincenti of 97 Oswegatchie Road as there is no detrimental effect on shellfishing, by E. Kanter, seconded by L. Tytla, motion passed, with a vote of 4 approved, and 1 opposed, motion passed unanimously.
 - The Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions was held; P. Harris and JP Kelly attended. P. Harris noted there was discussion regarding sample delivery by DA/BA and water sampling protocol. The Vibrio problem was another topic discussed and it was noted that the only confirmed Vibrio cases were in the Norwalk area.
 - The CPA Audit was completed and copies were given to commissioners. No changes are necessary for protocol but there is concern regarding the Town's funding.

- 7) New Business-
 - Members discussed increasing the pricing of clamming permits for next season.
- 8) Correspondence
 - The Milford Aquaculture Seminar in February was discussed for anyone interested.
- 9) Public Input None
- 10) The Special meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker Secretary Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission