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Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2015

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Rich Miller, Eric Kanter, Larry Tytla, Tom Bowlen, Paul Spakowski and J. Patrick Kelly

Absent: Fred Grimsey

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel, Lou Bull of Hillyers, Keith Nielson of Docko and Robbie Sammataro

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski; with one correction to item 6(a) change "clams" to "scallops"; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the November checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by P. Spakowski; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly noted Hillyer's recent permit sales collection of 7,128.00; of which the scallop permit sales netted a total 3,969.00.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - Boat is running well and an oil change will be done soon.
 - We are currently open for clamming and scalloping; Shawn brought samples to DA/BA today.
 - All the APC samples are up to date except Jordan Cove; which is currently closed.
 - Scallop season is going well, still seeing people/boats. Chief suggested Scallop permit state an opening time (i.e.) 8 am and also clarification of a peck should be listed.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) Scallop season showing positive results; still many permits being sold.
 - b) Our proposed 2017-2018 Budget will be sent to both Town Finance Officers by P. Kelly.
 - c) Keith Nielson of Docko presented the proposal for additional transient dockage with handicap access to the existing structure located at Cini Park. One concern is regarding eel grass beds north of Area B's demarcation sign. Another concern is that this area is currently being used by J. Markow for his oyster beds. A motion to table a decision on this proposal until the January 2016 WELSCO meeting was made made by P. Spakowski, seconded by P. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) P. Harris, E. Kanter, T. Bowlen, P. Spakowski and P. Kelly will be attending the 12th Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions to be held Saturday, January 23, 2016. A. Tinker will send in payment and all registrations by December 31, 2015.
 - b) By-laws are to be reviewed annually. All members were asked to review and present comments or changes at the January 2016 meeting.
- 8) Correspondence –
 - a) The NE Coastal Acidification network for Long Island Sound is holding a workshop January 11, 2016.

9) Public Input –

- a) Robbie Sammataro of 16 Quarry Rd. is a student at Waterford High School working on a Science project about the decline of scallops. He explained the schools marine lab and simulation ocean where he is working with juvenile clams and different types of materials. Members had suggestions and information to assist in his research. He was asked to bring his final results to the commission.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary
WELSCO