



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 2015
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK



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

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel and Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by R. Miller seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the October checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by L. Tytla; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - Boat is running well and currently located at Mago Point Marina.
 - Waterford Town Dock is in the process of repairs but not completed. Chief will contact Dave Burton.
 - In accordance with the MOU open areas affected by the November 15th deadline are still closed as there are many boats in the water that are not winterized. Chief has been in contact with Dave Lamoureaux at DA/BA in order to get the area opened.
 - Chief requested purchasing cotton T Shirts for the wardens during the warmer season.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports –
 - a) Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone Signage and permit info –nothing new to report.
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) Although the spat collection bag experiment did not have positive results, the commissioners agreed to try the method again. An alternate method would be using juvenile clams and a cage system, with the cages costing \$300.00 each.
 - b) P. Kelly printed the Scallop statute handouts which will be dispensed at the outlets to purchasers of a scallop permit. There was further discussion on the season and the ads placed to notify the public.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) P. Harris would like to write an article/notice to increase the public's awareness on the Niantic River water quality for March of next year. The hope is to enlighten people on the adverse effects of fertilizer, leaves and water runoff. E. Kanter proposed contacting Judy Benson, an environmental writer at The Day paper. P. Harris will contact the Watershed committee and other shellfish commissions for their input before moving forward.
 - b) P. Kelly reviewed the 2016-2017 proposed budget. Discussion ensued on the Weatherlink cost, compensation and grant funding. Commissioners agreed on changes and approved the proposal.
- 8) Correspondence –
 - a) P. Harris noted the Milford Aquaculture Seminar is being held from January 11 to January 13, 2016 and anyone interested should contact him; deadline to register is December 11, 2015.

9) Public Input – Lou Bull asked for clarification on sales of scallop vs clamming permits with regard to bookkeeping procedures. He is looking forward to a busy season.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary
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