



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2016
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Absent: Tom Bowlen, Rich Miller

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel, Robert Conigliaro of Gerwick Mereen LLC, and Timothy Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelley, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials on a motion by L. Tytla, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report- submitted by R. Chmiel
 - The shellfish areas are currently open.
 - Boat trailer axle and springs needs replacement. R Chmiel will obtain estimates
 - Throttle on boat frozen, R. Chmiel will try to remedy enough to take to Boats Inc, if not possible, Bayreuther Mobile Marine service will be used.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports –
 - Camp Niantic has posted signage stating "Stay below mean high tide" at the camp.
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) Review of By-laws tabled to the next meeting.
 - b) T. Londregan, Owner of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm reviewed a revised proposal for creating a sustainable shellfishery for public benefit with minimal financial backing by WELSCO. Members will review the proposal and Mr. Londregan will present plan to Waterford Harbor Management. He will attend a future meeting to discuss his plan further.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) R Conigliaro of Gerwick Mereen presented dock plans for 26 Bishops Bay Road, Niantic, CT. Discussion tabled to the May meeting.
 - b) D Velleaux of NOAA in Milford discussed scallop enhancement ideas in a round table discussion prior to the WELSCO meeting.
- 8) Correspondence –
 - a) F. Grimsey discussed a project between his organization Save the River, Save the Hills and Ledge Light Health District to investigate a potential link between rainfall events in the Niantic River and illness occurrence.
- 9) Public Input –
 - a) Lou Bull described increased shellfishing interest as evident by permit sales within families and local residents.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm on a motion by P. Kelly

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary