



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Waterford Town Hall, 7:45 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Larry Tytla, Tom Bowlen and J. Patrick Kelly

Absent: Rich Miller, Eric Kanter, Paul Spakowski and Fred Grimsey

Guests: Lou Bull of Hillyers and Timothy Londregan; Owner- Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by T. Bowlen; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the January checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by L. Tytla, seconded by T. Bowlen; all in favor; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly reviewed comments on the 2015 Annual CPA Financial Audit.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report- submitted by P. Harris
 - The scallops are depleting according to the public.
 - Warden's boat is running well and is now docked at the Waterford Town Dock.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – Nothing to report on the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone.
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) P. Harris reviewed quotes on cost of seed from two sources. Members agreed to table the discussion.
 - b) A. Tinker will forward By Laws to all for review before next meeting; discussion was tabled.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) Dock application discussion was tabled to the next meeting as parties were unable to attend.
 - b) P. Kelly made a motion to appoint P. Harris the WELSCO Watershed Representative and Eric Kanter the Alternate; seconded by L. Tytla, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.
 - c) P. Harris reviewed topics of discussion from the Annual Shellfish Gathering. The economic value of recreational shellfishing; Core samples of the Niantic Bay by a local soil scientist and the DA/BA's request to visit and discuss optimizing and improving efficiency of the current sampling process.
 - d) Timothy Londregan, Owner of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm reviewed a plan for leasing with members. He will bring more details for further discussion to the next meeting.
- 8) Correspondence –
 - a) P. Kelly attended Capt. John Wadsworth's memorial service. The commission greatly appreciates the many years of service he gave to WELSCO; he will be missed.
 - b) Members discussed ideas to keep scalloping areas plentiful.
- 9) Public Input –
 - a) Lou Bull noted very few scallops are being found and Hillyer's is selling few scallop permits
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm on a motion by T. Bowlen.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary