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Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2016
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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, Lou Bull of Hillyers, Keith Nielson of Docko Inc., Abby Piersall Director of Planning-Waterford, Bill Scheer Deputy Director of Public Works- East Lyme, Dan Cunningham, Ex-Officio-East Lyme and Timothy Londregan

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski; with one correction to item 9(a) change "clams" to "scallops"; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the December checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by T. Bowlen; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - Currently open for clamming and scalloping, water has been murky.
 - Chief opened an account to purchase fuel from the Boat Valet in Waterford.
 - Warden's boat recently had an oil change and will need bottom painted in the spring.
 - Warden's boat was hauled and being stored at Mago Point due to impending storm.
 - The last demarcation sign located at Sandy Point has been pulled.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) Keith Nielson of Docko presented the updated proposal for transient dockage and facilities including handicap access to the existing structure located at Cini Park. Bill Scheer, Deputy Director of Public Works - East Lyme reviewed the plans in further detail answering questions and gathering input from commission members. A motion was made by E. Kanter, seconded by R. Miller to approve the request as there are no adverse effects on shellfishing. Motion was carried with a vote of 7 to 1 opposed. Motion passed.
 - b) Review of the By-Laws was tabled to the February meeting.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) Abby Piersall, Director of Planning-Waterford reviewed the Mago Point Fishing Pier application. The structure will be a cantilever fishing pier with landscaping and a concrete walking path; public access improvement and the existing wood dock will be replaced along with replacement of the current walkway. A motion was made by P. Spakowski, seconded by P. Kelly to approve the application as there are no adverse effects on shellfishing. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Bill Scheer, Deputy Director of Public Works-East Lyme reviewed plans for a new staging and transient dockage to be located at the end of Grand Street in Niantic. Members discussed the plans and agreed to table a decision/vote to the February meeting as the item was not on the Agenda.

8) Correspondence –

- a) The Aeros Aquaculture pricing and possible purchasing of seed was tabled until the February meeting.
- b) The financial audit was completed. P. Kelly requested A. Tinker send scanned copies to all commission members and mail an original to the Town of Waterford, First Selectman's office. A. Tinker will also send the Profit and Loss comparison to all commission members.
- c) The Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions has been rescheduled until Saturday, January 30, 2016. T. Bowlen cannot attend; P. Harris invited Dan Cunningham, Ex-Officio-East Lyme to attend in his place.

9) Public Input –

- a) Timothy Londregan reviewed his plans for oyster harvesting. He would like to utilize an area during storms from WELSCO. E. Kanter will provide him with a copy of the policy statement he had written for WELSCO per the DA/BA. T. Londregan suggested WELSCO research Rutgers about seed online.
- b) Dan Cunningham, Ex-Officio-East Lyme thanked the commission members for their hard work and dedication.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary
WELSCO