



**Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2016

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: J. Patrick Kelly, Eric Kanter, Tom Bowlen, Fred Grimsey and Paul Spakowski

Absent: Rich Miller, Peter Harris and Larry Tytla

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel and Robert Conigliaro of Gerwick Mereen LLC

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by E. Kanter, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by E. Kanter; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - The shellfish areas are currently open. All APC samples up to date. Very few clammers have been seen.
  - The boat trailer repair estimate is approximately \$700.00. The cost to replace the trailer would be approximately \$1800.00. E. Kanter and T. Bowlen agreed to research further and report to commission. No decision was made. F. Grimsey offered the use of his trailer in the interim.
  - Throttle, control box and shift cables were repaired by John Bayreuther Marine LLC; the boat is running well.
  - Dave Lamoureux is leaving the DA/BA. Dave Carey will notify the commission once a replacement contact is in place.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – Nothing to report on Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone.
- 6) Old Business-
  - a) Review of By-laws tabled to the next meeting.
  - b) Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm was tabled to the next meeting.
- 7) New Business-
  - a) R. Conigliaro of Gerwick Mereen reviewed the final plans for 26 Bishops Bay Road, Niantic, CT. A motion was made by E. Kanter to approve the plans as there is no adverse effect on shell fishing, seconded by F. Grimsey; vote of four approved/one opposed, motion passed.
  - b) The redesigning and updating of clam and scallop permits, handouts and map was discussed. Several changes will need to be implemented. P. Kelly will also seek input from both Town Clerks. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
- 8) Correspondence –
  - a) Save Oswegatchie Hills Coalition is holding a celebration on Wednesday June 9, 2016 from 5 to 7 pm at the East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd, Niantic.

- b) F. Grimsey confirmed a project has been approved by Ledge Light Health District to investigate a potential link between rainfall events in the Niantic River and illness occurrence. The study will take about two years to complete.
- c) Dominion Nuclear Plant in Waterford released their Annual Radiological Environmental Report for 2015.

9) Ex-Officio Comments –

- a) Dan Cunningham discussed reports on the restriction of resident's accessibility in the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone. He reviewed concerns with the upcoming budget.

10) Public Input -

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle Shop had suggestions on permit changes.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Secretary