

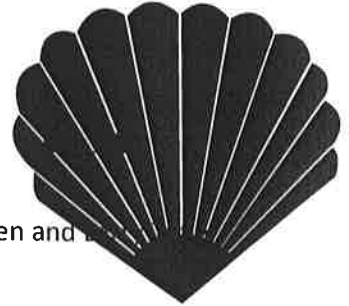


Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2016

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Fred Grimsey, Eric Kanter, Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen and

Absent: J. Patrick Kelly and Rich Miller

Guests: Dan Cunningham, Lou Bull, Tim Londregan, Keith Neilson & Kevin Reardon

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by T. Bowlen, 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.

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4) Chief Warden's Report-

- Opening samples were done this week and APC are up to date
- Too many boats in the water for an 11/15/16 opening date
- Motor fitting in tank on Wardens boat will need to be repaired
- Have not seen many scallop recently
- New boat trailer is stored in the fenced area at the Warden's office in Waterford
- Demarcation sign located at Sandy Point will be installed and placed on a pole

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5) Old Business-

- a) T. Londregan of NBSF reviewed his map and proposed areas for his experimental project.
- b) The Scallop permits and regulations are complete. Opening day for scallop season will be Saturday, December 3, 2016.
- c) Jim Markow of Aeros Oyster is unable to supply WELSCO with an order of clam stock/seed.
- d) Keith Neilson of Docko Inc. reviewed the changes to the initial dock permit application for Kevin Reardon of 5 Shawandasse in Waterford.
 Motion made by E. Kanter to approve the dock application as there are no adverse effects on shellfishing in accordance with the WELSCO Aquaculture plan; seconded by F. Grimsey, motion passed on a vote of 5 approved/ 1 abstain.

6) New Business-

The DA/BA notified the commission of Hazardous Algal Bloom Early Warning System that identifies toxins impact on shellfish growing areas.

7) Sub-committee -

Commission members reviewed changes and additions previously discussed to the WELSCO Aquaculture Policy Statement.

8) Correspondence –

The Niantic River Watershed Committee provided flyers that show the damaging effects to water quality when people do not use low nitrogen fertilizer. WELSCO asked that Hillyer's Tackle insert the flyers with regulations when permits are sold. Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle agreed to assist.

9) Ex Officio Comments –

The Town of East Lyme is considering leaving the State Trooper program and join forces with the Town of Waterford Police Department according Dan Cunningham, Ex-Officio.

10) Public Input –

Mark Harrell of Aeros Oyster Company reported many oysters were found in Area B when they harvested. They were very pleased with the outcome and have scattered oysters to areas for cultivation in the Niantic River with Chief Chmiels' guidance.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker

Secretary