

Sept 19 2016 AT 2:20 AM/PM

K. Markow



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission  
 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016  
 East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Rich Miller, Eric Kanter, Paul Spakowski, J. Patrick Kelly, Tom  
 Larry Tytla

Absent: Fred Grimsey

Guests: Dan Cunningham, Lou Bull of Hillyers Tackle, Tim Londregan of NBSF

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by P. Kelly, all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - The September open samples were taken on Monday, clamming is slowing down, there has been no rain and we should be up to date on all APC's.
  - Wardens boat is running well.
  - J. Markow has been moving oysters to various spots in Area B; none in Area A as it is closed.
  - Clammers have spotted some scallops.
- 5) Old Business-
  - a) T. Londregan noted the longitude and latitude for the proposed area he'd like to use for his experimental project.
  - b) The permit re-design regulations and changes are completed and 2500 copies printed. P. Kelly noted in the future there may be charges from Town of Waterford for any permit printing. He suggested we submit requests for any printing early.
  - c) P. Harris will check with J. Markow of Aeros Oyster on an order of stock/seed.
  - d) Docko Inc. permit application for the Reardon Property located at 5 Shawandasse in Waterford was tabled to the next meeting.
  - e) The cost of a new galvanized trailer and the repair cost of the current trailer were reviewed. In July members had voted to spend up to \$2000.00 for purchasing a new trailer. R. Miller agreed to handle selling the current trailer.

Motion by P. Spakowski to increase the previously approved allocation of funds by \$200.00 to purchase a new boat trailer from Niantic Bay Boat Valet; seconded by L. Tytla; all in favor; motion passed.

6) New Business-

- a) An email was received from Jane Adams, Chair of the Waterford Harbor Management regarding WELSCO's involvement with a barge moored by NBSF. WELSCO does not permit moorings/barges. P. Harris will respond.
- b) Members discussed Scallop Season hours, cost and length of time.

Motion made by P. Kelly to open a Scallop Season from December 3, 2016 until sundown on January 31, 2017, to change the opening from 8 am until sundown and permits will cost \$35.00 each; seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.

7) Sub-committee – No report

8) Correspondence –

- a) CT Shellfish Initiative will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm at Avery Point.
- b) The Niantic River Watershed Committee had a speaker who discussed the benefits of using low nitrogen fertilizer to ensure better water quality. They asked WELSCO to work with NRWC on public awareness.

9) Ex Officio Comments –

Dan Cunningham stated the removal of the old Ocean Mart/Gas station building on Main street has been approved. The area will be cleaned up to enhance the water view and offer some parking; construction should begin in the fall. He supports the SCRRA's recycling program as it is good for the environment and income for the Town.

10) Public Input –

- a) There was discussion on opening other areas of the River.
- b) Any open areas in the river being used for experimental purpose are still open to the public for shellfishing.
- c) The Groton Elks Forum topic was recreational and commercial shellfishing. Paul Formica-State Senator, John Scott- State Representative and Aundre Bumgardner- State Representative were in attendance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Secretary