



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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

Absent: Rich Miller and Fred Grimsey

Guests: Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle, Guy Rocamora of 6 Elizabeth St. Niantic, Tim Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm and Jim Markow and associates of Aeros Oyster

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. One correction to item 6D removing the word "this" from alternative methods was made. The minutes were accepted with the correction on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by, Larry Tytla; all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report for January was reviewed including the financials on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by T. Bowlen; all in favor; motion passed.

4) Chief Warden's Report-

- The boat was recently cleaned out/de-iced.
- Chief has been in communications with J. Markow regarding seed stock.
- Chief has been in contact with DA/BA about the new rain gauge installation.
- Power has been restored to the Wardens office.
- The river is currently open for shellfishing.

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5) Old Business-

- a) G. Rocamora reviewed his Dock application with the commission. Motion by P. Kelly seconded by E. Kanter to approve the application as there are no adverse effects on shellfishing and the addition of stop specifications, motion passed with a vote of 5 to 1.
- b) P. Harris received an e-mail regarding the Wallace Family Trust requesting to table the discussion of their dock application to the next WELSCO meeting.
- c) J. Markow of Aeros Oyster confirmed a small seed stock sale to the commission. He will coordinate the delivery with Chief Chmiel.
- d) There have been recent problems with the current rain gauge which caused a voluntary closure. The DA/BA will be installing a new gauge at the Wardens Office in Mago Point, Waterford. They will be responsible for calibration and maintaining the system. There will be no cost to WELSCO. P. Harris noted the website "Davisweatherlink" is an online system with rain gauge information.
- e) P. Kelly will compose a paragraph on Steamer regulations for the next meeting.

6) New Business- None

7) Correspondence

- Peter Harris reviewed information from the Annual Shellfish Gathering.
- A. Tinker received the annual insurance notice and forwarded the information to the wardens.
- P. Kelly completed and sent the Economic Assessment requested to Tessa Getchis; commissioners were given a copy.