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Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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

Absent:

Guests: Dan Cunningham Ex Officio, Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle, Kieth Neilson of Docko Inc., Guy Rocamora on 6 Elizabeth St. Niantic

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted with one correction on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by, Larry Tytla; all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report for December 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-
  - Clamming is good and was very good last week with extreme tides.
  - Scalloping is somewhat over! No one out there for some time.
  - January open monthly water samples were done the evening of January 17<sup>th</sup>. Sampling up to date. Stations 14.1 and 14.3 Waterford at Harness not sampled because of weather and sea conditions.
  - Boat running well after Jon Bayreuther repair of corroded wires to pump. Hopefully this was the problem.
  - Boat has been out of water during heavier weather conditions.
  - Gas must be carried to boat since marinas pumps are seasonally shut down.
  - Construction next to municipal docks has terminated electrical.
  - The T-top was rethreaded with a heavy cord because of all the broken ties.
  - Amy was sent receipts for gas and cord.
  - The paperwork for old trailer was forwarded to Rich Miller.
  - Stick on phone numbers must be acquired for new signs with "CALL" and no numbers.
- 5) Old Business-
  - a) The 2017 Shellfish Gathering will be held on this Saturday January 21, 2017. A. Tinker has sent in payment with all registrations before January 12, 2017. Paul Spakowski has funerals and cannot attend. The Commissioners discuss groupings for transportation to gathering.
  - b) The Scallop season sales is for all purposes over because scallops are hard to locate.
  - c) Peter reported that Jim Markow has a minimum amount of mixed size clam stock for the Commission.
- 6) New Business-
  - a) The Rocamora dock permit discussion for 6 Elizabeth St, Niantic was tabled on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed. Guy Rocamora did submit his application documents to Commission that Peter Harris will scan and forward for action at next meeting.

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- b) The Wallace Family Trust dock permit for 4 Bayside Ave, Waterford was again reviewed by Keith Neilson of Docko Inc. and a decision was tabled to the next meeting because of the Commission's concern for the overall length of dock and shellfishing impact. Tabled on a motion by P. Spakowski; seconded by Larry Tytla, all in favor; motion passed.
- c) There was a discussion of WELSCO and East Lyme Harbor Mgmt/Shellfish purchasing of a new rain gauge that is more efficient. The consensus was that current gauge is working and the reason to replace was not clear. Peter will contact Steve Dinsmore and Don Landers.
- d) Pat Kelly reported that he researched the deleting of Steamer regulation wording several years ago. It was the problem of plungers, feet, and hands versus rake wording; we could not come up with viable alternative wording. The consensus was that this alternative methods were less detrimental to the shellfish and should be allowed. The steamer clam wording was deleted and Wardens were to use their own discretion. We will bring this up at Shellfish Gathering.
- e) The Commission reviewed CPA report and accepted on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.

7) Correspondence

- Peter Harris discuss a grant proposal with NRWC on oyster seeding. The Commission does support obtaining a grant to seed oysters in the river.
- Pat Kelly reported that he has set up a record destruction program with the town of Waterford. There is 15 years of old records in his garage and drafted a record destruction log that was in Commission package. Waterford is ordering a separate Shed-It container for this purpose that will come in February; date TBA.

8) Ex Officio Comments –

The Niantic Boardwalk signs, benches, and property has been vandalized. There was a discussion as to whether there were cameras at the Boardwalk. Report by D. Cunningham, Ex-Officio.

9) Public Input

- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Patrick Kelly  
Secretary-pro tem