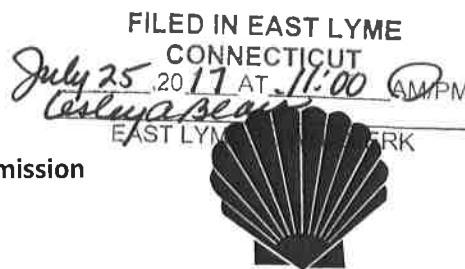




**Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 21, 2017  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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

Absent: Rich Miller

Guests: Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by L. Tytla; one abstain, vote 6 to 1; motion passed.
- 3) The Treasurer's report for June was reviewed including the financials and bank reconciliation. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by E. Kanter, seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - The shellfishing areas are currently open; monthly open sample were taken and acceptable.
  - Shellfishing is good in the heavily clammed areas, few steamers; Jordan Cove clamming is slow.
  - Boat running well , installed new radio; boat moves a few slips south ; concerns of tangled fishing lines at the fishing pier dock area
  - Boat trailer is now being kept at the Mago Point Marina south yard; area is fenced and locked.
  - Warden Bridgman handling morning tides and Chief the afternoon; working out well.
  - The T- shirts have been delivered for the Wardens.
  - The construction at Sandy Point has begun; close to the line but outside of open area; a barge and equipment may cause some issues with sampling of the EL-16 area.
- 5) Old Business-
  - a) The Niantic River Watershed Commission met recently and discussed using natural sets for oyster propagation. Tim Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm attended to present his operation and the benefits of oysters in the Niantic River. The timing of any process to grow spat can prove challenging with oysters as there are many factors to be considered.
  - b) The Army Corp of Engineers sent WELSCO a copy of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farms permit request.
- 6) New Business-
  - a) P. Harris spoke with the Town of East Lyme's website Manager recently regarding some changes to the information available on WELSCO. Commissioners discussed the information to be updated such as clamming regulations, member names and infoline.
- 7) Correspondence-

P. Kelly reviewed the information sent from Tessa Getchis pertaining to the clinging jellyfish along the US East Coast. The FAQ's were provided by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Wardens should be contacted if there are any sightings in the area.
- 8) Ex Officio Comments- None

9) Public Input –

The Niantic Kayak Regatta is being held on August 19, 2017.

F. Grimsey was the recipient of the Aquarion Water Company's Individual Environmental Award, presented by Richard Blumenthal.

There was discussion on seawall and pipe repairs on an Oswegatchie Road property.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Secretary