



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2017
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Larry Tytla, Paul Spakowski and J. Patrick Kelly

Absent: Tom Bowlen, Eric Kanter, Fred Grimsey and Rich Miller

Guests: Chief Rich Chmiel and Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion by L. Tytla, seconded by P. Spakowski ;all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) The Treasurer's report for May was reviewed including the financials and bank reconciliation. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by L. Tytla; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - The shellfishing areas are currently open; Jordan Cove opened today.
 - The monthly May open samples have not been done.
 - Boat running well but the depth finder is not working properly only transmits will not receive; Chief will get prices on the cost of a new one.
 - All new signs are up in shellfishing areas. Chief will purchase new flares as they are outdated.
 - Chief made two runs to the DA/BA Lab this week.
 - The DA/BA needs count of number of slips and moorings; they are working on reducing the size of Area F and making this area prohibited or closed and extending the size of Area E
 - Warden Bridgman will be staying on as Warden
 - Chief will contact Dick Morris, East Lyme Harbor Master, about several moorings in the Niantic Bay area that could be un-permitted.
- 5) Old Business-
 - a) Joy Toronto of Mystic Oysters will transport water and meat samples to the Milford lab as needed. The area shellfish commissions have agreed to share the cost of her courier service and pay a set fee of \$25.00 per trip/per commission. Motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski, to approve the \$25.00 cost per trip to Joy Toronto for transporting water and meat samples, all in favor; motion passed.
 - b) The Niantic River Watershed Commission discussed using natural sets for oyster propagation.
 - c) P. Harris suggested contacting J. Markow of Aeros Oyster or T. Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm in procuring oyster shells. NRWC is seeking the commission's expertise.
 - d) P. Harris, P. Kelly and Chief Chmiel attended the meeting with DA/BA and reviewed sampling protocol. The main topics were to reduce locations and the number of stations for monthly sampling requirements; increasing the rain trigger to 2" or possibly 3"; moving Jordan Cove sample areas to an accessible location; boats with heads in the water and the effect on areas November 15th opening. DA/BA is now handling/updating the Infoline message.

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6) New Business- None

7) Correspondence- None

8) Ex Officio Comments- None

9) Public Input – None

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary