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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK
Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2017

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: J. Patrick Kelly, Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen, Larry Tytla and Rich Miller

Absent: Fred Grimsey, Peter Harris and Eric Kanter

Guests: Lou Bull of Hillyer's Tackle, Harold Harrington (Wallace Family Trust), Tim Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm, Keith Neilson of Docko Inc. and Lauren Gauthier of Normand Bloom and Sons

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. The minutes were accepted on a motion P. Spakowski, seconded by R. Miller; all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report for February 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 shellfishing areas are currently closed.
 - Weather has been impeding the installation of the new rain gauge with DA/BA.
 - Chief planning to take samples Sunday for Monday delivery.
 - The warden's boat had a new pump installed.
 - The trailer storage location proving difficult with winter weather; will contact the Town of Waterford to discuss a solution.
 - Area A received 2000 lbs. of seed stock purchased from Aeros Oyster; planning to spread clam stock in Area B once it is closed.
- 5) Old Business-
 - a) K. Neilson of Docko Inc. reviewed the Wallace Family Trust dock permit application and changes. H. Harrington of the Wallace Family Trust offered the commission use of the dock in the future to perform shellfishing surveys. Commissioners discussed the length of the dock being the main concern. Motion 1- To approve the Wallace Family Trust dock contingent upon the dock length being 20 feet shorter than on the presented design, made by L. Tytla, seconded by T. Bowlen. Motion passed on a vote of 4 to 1 opposed.
 - b) P. Kelly informed the commission that the Steamer regulations enforcement is the responsibility of the DEEP.
 - c) L. Gauthier discussed the cooperative sampling and courier program with the Groton and Stonington Shellfish commissions. She noted representatives of the Groton Shellfish Commission would like to meet with WELSCO to discuss a future cooperative agreement.
- 6) New Business-
 - a) Tim Londregan of Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm reviewed the Structure and Dredge DEEP consultation form attachment D requiring WELSCO approval. It was noted there is low impact on shellfish and very low traffic in the area of the Niantic River he is currently utilizing.

Motion 2 – To approve Tim Londregan’s DEEP permit consultation form permit attachment D; made by R. Miller, seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.

- b) T. Getchis of Sea Grant sent an email regarding the proposed cut of 30% to the NOAA budget. Sea Grant currently receives much of their funding from the NOAA and there is concern the program will be in jeopardy if the budget cut is approved. She asked for WELSCO assistance by contacting their state representatives.

7) Correspondence

- a) P. Harris had emailed T. Getchis regarding the dock applications having only yes and no sections and also inquired on the methods of harvesting steamers; no response as of today.
- b) P. Kelly will be delivering more records of retention for destruction to the Town of Waterford next week. The schedule was delayed due to the snowstorm.

8) Ex Officio Comments –

D. Cunningham noted the budget concerns of both Towns of Waterford and East Lyme. The Waterford Police will be assisting East Lyme Police with arrests and use of their holding facility.

9) Public Input – None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary