



# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 18, 2019  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Chair Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Elizabeth Gelinis, Larry Tytla, Tom Bowlen, Paul Spakowski, Eric Kanter and Marcia Benvenuti  
Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel, Dan Cunningham-Ex Officio and Attorney Rob Avena

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) The Secretary's minutes of the June 5, 2019 special meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes, with (1) abstention: Benvenuti, motion passed, vote 6-0.

Ms. Gelinis arrived at 7:33 pm.

The Secretary's minutes of the June 20, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla to approve the minutes, with (1) abstention: Kelly, motion passed, vote 7-0.

- 3) The Treasurer's report for June 2019 was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Bowlen to approve the Treasurer's report, motion passed, vote 8-0.
- 4) Chief Wardens Report:
  - a) Currently the river is closed, monthly samples were taken Tuesday.
  - b) The boat's new engine was installed; there was an additional cost to install tachometer.
  - c) The used boat engine was sold for \$1,000.00.

5) Old Business-

- a) Robert Avena, Waterford Town Attorney, provided copies of the By-laws and reviewed his comments and suggestions. There was a lengthy discussion with commissioners. Attorney Avena will have a draft with the changes completed and sent out to WELSCO.
- b) The purchase of clam stock although approved at the last meeting has not been obtained as there is a clam seed shortage.
- c) Dave Carey of DA/BA has not responded to Mr. Kanter on the request for the DA/BA template to assist with creating a WELSCO Management Plan.
- d) Attorney Avena provided his suggestions on the proposal for shellfish restoration; "The Niantic River Project". The proposal was presented to WELSCO at the June 20, 2019 meeting by Ms. Lisa Winkler. There was further discussion on the WELSCO subcommittee and procedural guidance from Attorney Avena. Ms. Winkler answered many questions and provided more information on the project.

Ms. Benvenuti exited the meeting at 8:42 pm.

6) New Business- None

7) Ex-Officio comments- None

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8) Correspondence-

- a) Chair Harris received a copy of the proposed edits to the Waterford Harbor Management Plan from Krista Romero of DEEP. The commission was asked to review and provide comment. Chair Harris reminded commissioners to do so in writing to Krista Romero.
- b) The DEEP issued a license to Mr. Barrepski for his SDF application on 11 Stanton St. Waterford.
- c) A copy of Dominion's annual report was received.

9) Public Input-

*Robin Lineberger- Waterford:* Supports the Niantic River Project proposal.

*Fred Wise- Waterford-* Supports the Niantic River Project proposal.

- 10) The WELSCO meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Bowlen.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Secretary