



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Chair Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Eric Kanter, Marcia Benvenuti, Larry Tytla, Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen, and Fred Wise
Members absent: none
Guests: Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
Oct 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 8-0.
- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
Treasurer's report given by Mr. Kelly reviewed by the commission. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 8-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Mr. Harris relayed the Warden report to the commission which was sent to him by Chief Warden Chmiel.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Update on insurance policies and workers comp (WC) coverage – Mr. Wise sent the Waterford town attny a description of WELSCO Warden activities to investigate the possibility of the WELSCO wardens becoming town employees. No reply at this time.
 - b. Mr. Kelly handed out copies of the financial review.
 - c. Discussion on the repair plan of the Waterford town dock continued. Mr. Harris updated the commission on the dock repair status, Mr. Harris rec'd a quote from one of the companies and will pursue additional quotes.
 - d. Mr. Wise and Ms. Benvenuti updated the commission on the new permit fees and regulations. Mr. Harris will submit the changes to be effective Jan 1, 2022 to the Day for publication. Ms. Benvenuti will request new permits and regulations be printed by the Town of Waterford.

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- 6) New Business
 - a. Dock application for 21 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford CT was presented by Docko, Inc. The dock application was found to not adversely impact shellfish, approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bowlen, approved 7-1 (Mr. Spakowski opposed).
 - b. Dock application for 7 Riverside Dr, Waterford CT was presented by Docko, Inc. The dock application was found to not adversely impact shellfish, approved on a motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wise, approved 6-2 (Mr. Spakowski and Mr. Tytla opposed). Mr. Harris will add the following text to the comments section of the DEEP

- c. The commission voted to not have a scallop season this year due to lack of scallop stock on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion approved 8-0.
 - d. The commission discussed annual funding amount requests for both towns. A motion was made by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Wise to request \$3500 from the town of Waterford and \$3500 from the town of East Lyme. Motion passed 8-0.
 - e. The commission reviewed the WELSCO Annual Report prepared by Mr. Harris for the town of Waterford. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tytla to submit the report as prepared, motion passed 8-0.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham communicated with the commission that funds from the ARP allocation could not be used for the Save the River-Save the Hills pump out boat as previously thought. Mr. Cunningham was hopeful funding could be acquired from a different town account.
- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Kelly rec'd the annual biology assessment from Dominion and provided it to the commission for review.
- 9) Public Comment :
No public comment
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion approved 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

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