



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Chair Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Marcia Benvenuti, Larry Tytla, Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen, and Fred Wise
Members absent: Eric Kanter
Guests: Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham, Chief Warden Chmiel

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
Dec 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 6-0, 1 abstention (Ms. Benvenuti). Note – January 2022 meeting cancelled.
- 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 7-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave the Warden report to the commission. The shellfishing in the Niantic River has been busy, the boat is at Boats Inc for maintenance. The boat will need new bottom paint in the near future.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Update on insurance policies and workers comp (WC) coverage – Mr. Wise met with East Lyme and Waterford officials to discuss workers comp solution. Waterford has proposed Waterford and East Lyme contribute 1/3 of the cost each towards a workers comp policy owned by WELSCO. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski to approve this proposal, motion approved 7-0. Each town will also need to officially approve.
 - b. Discussion on the repair plan of the Waterford town dock continued. A meeting with Waterford to discuss did not take place.
 - c. Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions scheduled for Sat Jan 22, 2022 did not take place due to the Covid surge. A rescheduled date has not been announced.
- 6) New Business
 - a. Dock application, Gerwick Mereen, 6 Bayside Ave, Waterford CT, a motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wise that this dock project does not adversely impact shellfish. Motion passed 5-2 (Mr. Spakowski, Mr. Kelly voted in opposition).
 - b. Nomination and appointment of Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Chair. Mr. Kelly was nominated to Treasurer on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion passed 7-0. Mr. Tytla was nominated to Vice-Chair on a motion by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion passed 7-0. Mr. Harris was nominated to Chair on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion passed 7-0.

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- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham communicated with the commission that the East Lyme Board of Selectman discussed funding for the new Save the River-Save the Hills pump-out boat. Mr. Cunningham believes funding will be allocated.
- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Kelly discussed with the commission insurance premiums are due soon. The commission agreed no additional approval is needed authorizing payment as this was understood by the commission when the policies were initially approved.
- 9) Public Comment :
No public comment
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Bowlen, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris