



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2022
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Chair Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Marcia Benvenuti, Larry Tytla, and Tom Bowlen

Members absent: Eric Kanter, Fred Wise, Paul Spakowski

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:
Feb 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Kelly, vote 5-0.
- 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. Bowlen, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 5-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave the Warden report to the commission. The shellfishing in the Niantic River has been busy, oysters are present but difficult to find.

5) Old business:

- a. Update on insurance policies and workers comp (WC) coverage – Workers comp MOU approved by East Lyme and Waterford, final signatures with each first selectmen and WELSCO chair to occur soon.
- b. Discussion on the repair plan of the Waterford town dock continued. Mr. Harris and Mr. Tytla discussed the dock condition with the Waterford first selectmen and Waterford Town Attny. No firm plan agreed to at that meeting. Discussions will continue.
- c. Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions re-scheduled for Saturday Apr 2, 2022. Mr. Harris asked all commission members to let Mr. Kelly know if they would be attending.

6) New Business

- a. Mr. Harris discussed the plan to publish a revised version of the SeaGrant Responsible Lawn Care guidelines. The plan is to publish the revised version in the Waterford and East Lyme Post Road Reviews.

7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham communicated with the commission the East Lyme Zoning Board was reviewing beach association regulations, discussions with Amtrak regarding new fencing along the train tracks and potential impact on water views, and recommendations on projects for the American Rescue Plan Federal funds.

8) Correspondence : No correspondence was received that had not already been forwarded to commission members.

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9) Public Comment :
No public comment

10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Bowlen, motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris