



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2022
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: J. Patrick Kelly, Marcia Benvenuti, Larry Tytla, Eric Kanter, and Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen.

Members absent: Peter Harris, Fred Wise

Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, ex-officio Dan Cunningham

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti, vote 4-0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Bowlen). Mr. Kelly arrived after the vote.
- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
Treasurer's report submitted by Mr. Kelly prior to the meeting was reviewed by the commission. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Kanter, vote 5-0. Mr. Kelly arrived after the vote.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave the ~~written~~ ^{FILED} report to the commission.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. None

May 23, 2022 AT 8:20 AM/PM
Broadie Bowlen ATC
 EAST LYME TOWN CLERK
- 6) New Business
 - a. Motion was made by Mr. Kanter, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, to honor Mr. Kelly and his 47 years or service to WELSCO by naming the WELSCO warden boat after Mr. Kelly. This would include the current boat and any subsequent vessel purchased in the next 5 years. Motion approved 4-2, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Benvenuti in opposition.
 - b. Nomination for Treasurer, a call for nominations for treasurer was made, no nominations were put forth. A discussion ensued that any future WELSCO commission appointees have relevant experience to serve as treasurer.
 - c. Restoration Grant discussion – a general discussion took place regarding eelgrass restoration took place.
 - d. A motion was made by Mr. Kanter, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, to hire Seward and Monde to conduct a review engagement of all WELSCO financials for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – July 1, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$3000. Motion approved 6-0.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio discussed the Dominion building on Main Street in Niantic for public use, possible purchase of composting bathrooms for Hole-in-the-Wall beach, and the ongoing Amtrak fence replacement discussions between Amtrak and the Town of East Lyme.
- 8) Correspondence : No correspondence was received that had not already been forwarded to commission members.

9) Public Comment :
No public comment

10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Bowlen, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

L. J. LYNE, CLERK