



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 21, 2022
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Marcia Benvenuti, Larry Tytla, Eric Kanter, Paul Spakowski, and Fred Wise
Members absent: Tom Bowlen
Guests: 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:
Jun 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 7-0.

- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
Treasurer briefed the commission on the Treasurer's report sent by e-mail earlier. Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 7-0. Discussion ensued around annual budget. Mr. Kelly also discussed issues with the WELSCO workers comp insurance. Mr. Harris will e-mail both towns First Selectman for assistance.

Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave the warden report to the commission. Shellfishing is active. New seat for warden boat was rec'd and installed. Chief Warden Chmiel will look for a seat cover.

Old business:

- a. Commission approved a motion to purchase \$4000 worth of 2" oysters from Niantic Bay Shellfish farm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti. Motion approved 6-1 (Mr. Kanter opposed). No motion was put forth to purchase clams. Discussion ensued around relaying clams from closed areas of the river to supplement current stock available for recreational purposes. The pros and cons of such a project was debated.

- 6) New Business
 - a. For the Aug agenda, Mr. Harris will add to the agenda a discussion and potential action regarding the hourly rate WELSCO charges East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission and Waterford Shellfish Commission for warden services.

- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham not in attendance.

- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Kanter presented a copy of the East Lyme Times weekly newspaper showing of picture of the newly named WELSCO warden boat as the Patrick J. Kelly WELSCO warden boat.

- 9) Public Comment :
Lou Bull of Niantic CT discussed previous clam seeding efforts.

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10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

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