



# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Sep 15, 2022  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

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Members absent: none

Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham

Sept 19, 20 22 AT 8:35 AM

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and a quorum established
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:  
Jul 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 8-0.  
Note – Aug 18, 2022 Regular meeting cancelled due to lack of access to the Waterford Town Hall.
- 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 8-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave the warden report to the commission. Shellfishing areas recently re-opened by DA/BA following rainfall closure. Mr. Harris briefed the commission on e-mail communications with Waterford Town officials requesting funding be allocated in next budget for dock repairs.
- 5) Old business:
  - a. Update on purchase of seed oyster – Mr. Wise will contact Niantic Bay Oyster Farms to arrange a delivery date of seed oysters.
  - b. Update on Workers Comp insurance – Mr. Kelly updated the commission on this issue during the Treasurer's report.
- 6) New Business
  - a. Discussion and potential action regarding the hourly rate WELSCO charges East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission and Waterford Shellfish Commission for warden services. – Mr. Harris will invite Waterford Shellfish and East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commissions to the Oct meeting to discuss.
  - b. Dock Application, Gerwick Mereen, 20 Bishops Bay Road, Niantic. Mr Conigliaro presented the project. Commission determined the project would not adversely impact shellfish on a motion by Ms Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote 6-2, Mr. Spakowski and Mr. Tytla voted in opposition.
  - c. The Commission discussed an eelgrass restoration project to be undertaken in the Niantic River by a UCONN student.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham updated the Commission on the town Charter revision and ongoing highway projects within town borders.

- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Harris described e-mails from the Town of Waterford regarding annual Social Services grant requests. Mr. Harris will work with Mr. Kelly to prepare the required documents and draft a request. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
  
- 9) Public Comment :  
No public comment
  
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris