



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct 20, 2022
Waterford Town Hall, 7:31 pm

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

Members absent: Eric Kanter, Tom Bowlen

Guests: Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham, Waterford Shellfish Commission Chair Doug Lawson

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
Sep 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved following a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 6-0.
Oct 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes review and approval added to agenda on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 6-0. Oct 12, 2022 Special Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 6-0.
- 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 6-0. Mr. Kelly also distributed to commission members the financial review report by accounting firm Seward and Monde.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel communicated the report to Mr. Harris by text earlier in the day and Mr. Harris gave the warden report to the commission. Shellfishing is slow and Warden Chmiel will discuss with DA/BA about opening area B south on time. Mr. Wise will draft a letter to DA/BA about this to be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Update on purchase of seed oyster – 20,000 seed oysters were received from Niantic Bay Oyster Farm and distributed throughout the Niantic River on Sept 30, 2022 by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kanter, Mr. Tytla, Mr. Harris, and Warden Keltonic.
 - b. Discussion and potential action on Waterford Social Services Grant request amount and East Lyme town budget request amount. The commission approved a motion by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Wise to request \$1 for the Waterford Social Services Grant and \$1 from the town of East Lyme for the next budget cycle, vote 6-0.
- 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. Commission discussed the item, motion made by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Spakowski to increase the hourly rate for warden services to \$50/hour. Mr. Harris recognized Waterford Shellfish Commission Chair Doug Lawson for his thoughts, Mr. Lawson did not object to the rate increase. Motion approved 6-0.
 - b. Dock Application, Gerwick Mereen, 8 Point Comfort, Waterford. Mr Conigliaro presented the project. Commission voted this project would not adversely impact

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shellfish on a motion by Kelly, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti, vote 3-3, motion did not pass, Mr. Spakowski, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Tytla voted in opposition.

- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham updated the Commission on the town Charter revision and the highway reconfiguration project.
- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Harris discussed correspondence related to previous agenda items.
- 9) Public Comment :
Terry Lineburger, Niantic River Rd, Waterford, CT – suggested Save the River-Save the Hills as a source of water quality data that could be used in the letter to DA-BA regarding the opening of shellfish Area B south. Ms. Lineburger also reported on the eelgrass restoration project.
Lou Bull, Hathaway Rd, East Lyme, CT - proposed using dock pilings that did not use pressure treated lumber to reduce the impact on shellfish with these dock projects.
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

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