



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Feb 16, 2023
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Members absent: Rick Kanter

Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham

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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:
Jan 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes reviewed and approved on 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.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel communicated the warden report to the commission. Shellfishing has been busy, the warden boat experienced mechanical problems and is being repaired at Boat's Inc.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Mr. Harris briefly discussed the Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions that was held Saturday Jan 21, 2023.
- 6) New Business
 - a. Nomination and election of Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Chair:
 - i. Treasurer – Mr. Kelly nominated for Treasurer on a motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, approved by vote of 4-0, 3 abstentions (Kelly, Benvenuti, Wise).
 - ii. Vice-Chair – Mr. Tytla nominated for Vice-Chair on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly, approved by vote of 6-0, Mr. Tytla abstained.
 - iii. Chair – Mr. Harris nominated for Chair on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tytla, approved by vote of 6-0, Mr. Harris abstained.
 - b. Motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, to add to the agenda discussion on permit language. Motion approved 7-0. Mr. Kelly discussed proposed changes to permit regulations. Motion to keep current permit language as is made by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, passed on a 7-0 vote.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham updated the Commission on the East Lyme town matters including the I-95 highway project and the town dock leases.
- 8) Correspondence : No correspondence was put forth for discussion.
- 9) Public Comment :
Mr. Bull, East Lyme described historical precedence regarding permits for National Guard personnel.

10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris