



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2023
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, Rick Kanter, and Paul Spakowski.

Members absent: Tom Bowlen, Marcia Benvenuti, Fred Wise

Guests: Ex-officio Cunningham

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
Feb 16, 2023 and April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 4-0 for each set of minutes (Mr. Kanter abstained from the Feb 16, 2023 minutes approval, Mr. Tytla abstained from the April 20, 2023 minutes approval).
- 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 5-0. A consensus approval was given to distribute the WELSCO share (WELSCO share =\$2500) to the Save the River-Save the Hills pump-out boat program (no formal vote needed as this is described by a previously approved MOU with East Lyme and Waterford).
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel was not in attendance, no warden report given.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Insurance policies were reviewed and the commission will make a final decision at the next meeting.
 - b. Discussion on purchase of oyster and clams for the Niantic River – Mr. Harris relayed a message from Mr. Wise that clams are not available again this year.
- 6) New Business
 - a. No new business was brought before the commission.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham discussed continued work on the EL charter revision, town hall hours will change July 10 to include a half day Friday, and discussions on increasing sewer capacity.
- 8) Correspondence :
 - a. Mr. Harris discussed the dedication of the Save the River-Save the hills pump out boat to be held Tues May 23, 2023.
 - b. Mr. Harris discussed an e-mail from Seagrant about assisting commissions with shellfish events this summer.
- 9) Public Comment :
No public comment
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr.

Tytla, motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

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