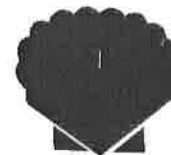




# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, Paul Spakowski, Fred Wise, and Tom Bowlen, Marcia Benvenuti, Rick Kanter  
Members absent: none  
Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:  
June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 7-0, Ms. Benvenuti abstained.
- 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 warden's comments.
- 5) Old business:
  - a. Mr. Wise identified Amtrust as an option for workers comp coverage. Motion made by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Spakowski to move to Amtrust insurance for workers comp insurance, motion approved 8-0.
  - b. Discussion on purchase of oyster and clams for the Niantic River – Mr. Wise presented oyster seed rates between 2 local growers, Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm having lower rates and the source considered local, a motion was made by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti to purchase \$4000 worth of 2" or less oysters from NBSF, motion passed 8-0.
    - i. Additional discussion on the purchase of soft shell clams offered through a SeaGrant correspondence. Mr. Harris will find out more information and report back.
- 6) New Business
  - a. No new business came before the commission
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio discussed ongoing work on the East Lyme Town Charter Revision, a fire at a local restaurant, and the I-95 interchange work that will continue to cause traffic problems until completion.
- 8) Correspondence : none
- 9) Public Comment :  
No public comment
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 8-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

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