



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct 19, 2023
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, Maria Benvenuti, Rick Kanter, Fred Wise, and Tom Bowlen
Members absent: Paul Spakowski
Guests: Ex-Officio Dan Cunningham

Maria Benvenuti
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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:
Sep 21, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wise, 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. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote 7-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel not in attendance, no report given.
- 5) Old business:

Commission members will work on questions to be included in a survey for scallopers for upcoming scallop season.
- 6) New Business
 - a. Mr. Kelly briefed the commission on the Annual financial review. Motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wise to approve payment of \$3150 for the financial review, motion approved 7-0.
 - b. Mr. Kanter made a motion to purchase an 8 month CD for \$15,000 from Charter Oak for increased interest revenue, seconded by Mr. Harris. Motion approved 6-1, Mr. Bowlen opposed.
 - c. Service grant amount requests were discussed briefly by the commission. This will be discussed further in November, no action taken.
 - d. Meeting dates for were discussed for 2024. Meeting will continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Motion made by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Harris to move the meeting times in 2024 to 7:00 pm, motion approved 7-0.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-Officio Cunningham notified the commission that this will be his last meeting as East Lyme Ex-Officio. Mr. Cunningham thanked the commission for our work and the commission thanked him for his attendance and advice. Mr. Cunningham also discussed town matters with the commission.
- 8) Correspondence : No correspondence discussed
- 9) Public Comment : No public in attendance

10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm on a motion by Mr. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris