



# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Nov 16, 2023  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, Rick Kanter, Tom Bowlen, and Paul Spakowski  
Members absent: Fred Wise, Marcia Benvenuti  
Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel

*Carroll M. Kelly*  
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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:  
Oct 19, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 6-0.
- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
  - a. Treasurer briefed the commission on the Treasurer's report sent by e-mail earlier. Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 6-0.
  - b. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kanter to add an additional \$15,000 to the Charter Oak CD. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave a report on shellfishing in the Niantic River. The scallop season is slowing although it was better than expected.
- 5) Old business:
  - a. Scallop season update – discussed during the Chief Warden's Comments agenda item.
  - b. Annual Service grant request of \$1 from East Lyme and \$1 from Waterford was approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 5-1, Mr. Kanter opposed.
- 6) New Business
  - a. Dock application, Dave Provencher, 47 Oswegatchie Hill Rd, Niantic. Mr. Provencher described the project and a motion was made by Mr. Kanter, seconded by Mr. Harris that this project will not adversely impact shellfish. Motion passed 5-1, Mr. Spakowski opposed.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Following local elections, no Ex-Officio is currently assigned to WELSCO.
- 8) Correspondence : Correspondence forwarded by Mr. Harris discussed.
- 9) Public Comment : No public in attendance

10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris