



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Waterford Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Paul Spakowski, Rick Kanter, Larry Tytla, Tom Bowlen, Marcia Benvenuti
Members absent: Fred Wise
Guests: ex-Officio Don Mackenzie

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:
Mar 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Spakowski, vote 5-0, Mr. Tytla and Ms. Benvenuti abstained.
- 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. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 6-0, Mr. Bowlen abstained.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel was unable to attend the meeting but sent Mr. Harris a text report which Mr. Harris relayed to the commission.
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Discussion and potential action on shellfish regulations regarding non-resident recreational shellfish permitting. Upon further review, current regulations do define resident as a Waterford or East Lyme resident, no action needed.
- 6) New Business
 - a. No new business was presented.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-officio Mackenzie discussed communications with Mr. Robert Obey who is overseeing environmental controls for the I-95 project in East Lyme. A recent environmental review had no exceptions.
- 8) Correspondence : Mr. Harris discussed with the commission that Mr. Kanter is stepping down from his role as WELSCO alternate on the Niantic River Watershed Committee. Mr. Harris asked other commission members to consider volunteering for the position.
- 9) Public Comment : No public comment
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris