



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Aug 15, 2024
Waterford Town Hall, 7:00 pm

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Members present: Peter Harris, J Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, and Fred Wise. Rick Kanter and Tom Bowlen arrived at 7:22 pm (were able to vote on agenda item 5).
Members absent: Marcia Benvenuti, Paul Spakowski
Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, 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:
July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote 4-0.
- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
Mr. Kelly reviewed the Treasurer's report sent by e-mail earlier. Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote 4-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave his report to the commission.
- 5) Old business: Discussion and potential action on the purchase of oyster or clam stock. Motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Harris to purchase \$4000 worth of oysters (\$200/1000 oysters) from Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. Motion approved 6-0.
- 6) New Business
No new business presented at this time.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments : Ex-officio Mackenzie discussed the prompt formation of the East Lyme Fair Rent Commission.
- 8) Correspondence : The commission discussed a proposal from East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Chair Steve Dinsmore to consolidate the recreational shellfish areas of the Niantic River and the Niantic Bay (East Lyme waters) to a single permit. Discussion ensued discussing pros and cons of this proposal. No action taken at this time.
- 9) Public Comment : Mr. Wise conveyed an invitation from the Chair of the Waterford Harbor Management Commission to WELSCO and the East Lyme Harbor Management/ Shellfish Commission to meet on a regular basis to discuss items of a mutual interest that would improve the Niantic River. WELSCO discussed and agreed this is a good idea.
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Kanter, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris