



# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Nov 21, 2024  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J Patrick Kelly, Larry Tytla, Paul Spakowski, Rick Kanter, Tom Bowlen, and Fred Wise.

Members absent: Marcia Benvenuti

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:  
Oct 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Kelly, vote 6-0, Mr. Kanter abstained.
- 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. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 7-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments : Chief Warden Chmiel gave his report to the commission. The warden boat steering problem was repaired recently.
- 5) Old business: The scallop season has started and scallopers are getting their limit.
- 6) New Business
- The 2024 annual report was discussed. Mr. Harris had sent the report to the commissioners prior to the meeting. No changes were made and Mr. Harris will send to Waterford.
  - Mr. Harris had previously sent the 2025 meeting schedule to the East Lyme and Waterford Town Clerk. The June 19 meeting falls on Juneteenth and the commission voted to change that month's meeting to Wednesday June 18 on a motion by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Bowlen, approved 7-0.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments: Mr. Mackenzie did not have anything to report at this time.
- 8) Correspondence :
- Mr. Harris communicated to the commission that he sent the First Selectman of East Lyme and Waterford a request to extent the MOU agreement related to workman's comp insurance. He had not heard back yet.
  - Mr. Harris communicated to the commission that he sent the First Selectman of Waterford a request for an update on the finger pier repairs at the town dock where the warden boat is docked. He had not heard back yet.
- 9) Public Comment : No public in attendance.
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris