



# Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Mar 20, 2025  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, J Patrick Kelly, Marcia Benvenuti, Fred Wise, and Larry Tytla.  
Members absent: Rick Kanter, Tom Bowlen, Paul Spakowski  
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:  
Feb 20, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tytla, vote 5-0.
- 3) Review and approval of treasurer's report
  - a. 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 5-0.
  - b. Motion made by Ms. Benvenuti, seconded by Mr. Tytla to approve payment of \$70.99 to Mr. Kelly for incidental expenses. Motion approved 5-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments :
  - a. Mr. Harris communicated the Warden comments sent to Mr. Harris by text. The Niantic River is currently closed to shellfishing due to a rainfall event.
  - b. Mr. Harris will set up a meeting with Mr. Tytla and the Waterford First Selectman about the status of the Waterford Town dock finger pier repair.
- 5) Old business:
  - a. The commission continued to discuss online permitting, no action taken.
- 6) New Business:  
No new business was presented.
- 7) Ex-Officio comments: Mr. Mackenzie discussed 2 items :
  - a. Discussion on review of East Lyme budget
  - b. Potential purchase of a fireboat was discussed
- 8) Correspondence :
  - a. Mr. Harris communicated to the commission that the Niantic River Watershed Committee is looking for a WELSCO alternate. Mr. Harris currently is the primary WELSCO representative. – Mr. Tytla will be the WELSCO alternate
  - b. Earthfest, May 17, 2025 – commission discussed participation in Earthfest, responses were favorable, participation plans will be discussed at future meetings
- 9) Public Comment : No public comment was given.
- 10) Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Wise, motion approved 5-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

