



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 17, 2025
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:00 pm

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

Members absent: Marcia Benvenuti and Fred Wise

Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was established.
- 2) Secretary's minutes from Jun 18, 2025 regular meeting approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion vote 5-0, Mr. Tytla abstained
- 3) Treasurer's report for May and June were approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 5-0, Mr. Kanter abstained
- 4) Chief Warden's comments – Mr. Chmiel gave the wardens comments. A fuel system failure on the warden boat occurred recently and Mr. Chmiel was towed in by good Samaritans. Motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tytla to reimburse Mr. Chmiel \$25 for a gift card he gave to the good Samaritans. Motion approved 6-0.
- 5) Old business – a. Motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski to approve the new DA/BA demarcation line between Area A and Area B north, motion approved 6-0.
- 6) New business
 - a. Discussion and potential action of the Coastline Consulting & Development project at 2 Oil Mill Rd, Waterford. Motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski that this project will not adversely impact shell fishing, motion approved 6-0.
 - b. Mr. Harris updated the commission on the interest by East Lyme Shellfish Commission to proceed with opening recreational shell fishing in the Black Point area, no action needed by WELSCO at this time.
- 7) Ex-officio comments – Ex-officio not present due to a scheduling conflict.
- 8) Correspondence - No correspondence was received.
- 9) Public comment – No public comments made.
- 10) Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm on a motion from Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

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