



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Sep 18, 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, Fred Wise

Guests: Chief Warden Chmiel, Ex-Officio Don MacKenzie

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was established.
- 2) Secretary's minutes from Aug 21, 2025 regular meeting was approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion vote 6-0.
- 3) Treasurer's report for August was approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 6-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's comments – Mr. Chmiel gave the wardens comments.
- 5) Old business –
 - a. Discussion on future on present warden boat : Mr. Tytla, Mr. Kanter, and Chief Chmiel reviewed the boat issues and discussed potential repairs as a first option.
- 6) New business
 - a. Discussion on upcoming scallop season. Motion made by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla to change scalloping time from 8 am to sunset to 8 am to 4 pm each day. Motion approved 4-2, Mr. Kanter and Mr. Kelly opposed.
 - b. Discussion on purchase of oyster stock. Motion made by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla to purchase \$4000 of 2"+ oysters at \$400/1000 oysters, motion passed 5-1, Mr. Kanter opposed. Discussion ensued about trying to find a clam stock supplier.
- 7) Ex-officio comments – Mr. Mackenzie gave report –
 - a. Oysterfest will be held Sat Sept 20
 - b. The new fireboat was launched and saved some people the same day
- 8) Correspondence - No correspondence was received.
- 9) Public comment – no public in attendance
- 10) Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm on a motion from Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris

