

Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Jan 15, 2026

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:00 pm

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

Members absent: Marcia Benvenuti

Guests: none

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was established.
- 2) Secretary's minutes from Dec 18, 2025 regular meeting was approved on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spakowski, motion vote 6-0, Mr. Wise abstained.
- 3) Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Kelly and approved on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion vote 7-0.
- 4) Chief Warden's comments – No chief warden comments were given. Mr. Harris reported the boat power trim is being repaired.
- 5) Old business –
 - a. Annual Shellfish Gathering will take place on Jan 24, 2026. Commission members will introduce new wardens to DA/BA staff.
 - b. At the Annual Shellfish Gathering, commission will discuss with DA/BA replacement rain gauge options.
- 6) New business
 - a. Mr. Kelly was nominated for Treasurer on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion passed 6-0, Mr. Kelly abstained.
 - b. Mr. Tytla was nominated for Vice-Chair on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kanter, motion passed 6-0, Mr. Tytla abstained.
 - c. Mr. Harris was nominated for Chair on a motion by Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion passed 6-0, Mr. Harris abstained.
- 7) Ex-officio comments – East Lyme ex-officio Cindy Collins was not able to attend due to a schedule conflict.
- 8) Correspondence - any correspondence rec'd was discussed during the meeting.
- 9) Public comment – Mr. Wise attended a meeting on behalf of the Waterford Harbor Management discussing repair options for the Waterford town dock.
- 10) Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm on a motion from Mr. Spakowski, seconded by Mr. Tytla, motion approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris