



**Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission**  
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 20 2015  
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Rich Miller, Eric Kanter, Larry Tytla, Tom Bowlen, J. Patrick Kelly, Paul Spakowski and Fred Grimsey

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel and Keith Neilson

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelly seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the July checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by R. Miller; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly requested the grant funding request letters be sent to both Waterford and East Lyme Town Halls, and 2015-2016 fiscal year depreciation entry be processed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - Currently open for clamming; samples good and up to date.
  - Boat is running well, bought trailer lights and had oil change done.
  - Boat is currently docked at Mago Point Marina until the Town of Waterford Dock is repaired.
  - Clamming has been good; Waterford is restocking.
  - R. Chmiel's vehicle suffered windshield damage while transporting samples to Milford.
  - Open/Close signs may need to be purchased; D. Lawson of Waterford Shellfish Commission has demarcation signs for WELSCO. Floats and materials will also be needed.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – Nothing new to report.
- 6) Old Business-
  - a) K. Nielson of Docko reviewed the plans for the existing dock on 37 Riverside Drive, Waterford. The current structure is being expanded, 40 ft. from the seawall and is located in a closed shellfishing area. Motion to approve as there are no adverse effects on shellfishing, made by P. Kelly and seconded by L. Tytla, motion passed unanimously.
  - b) R. Chmiel stated the cost per sign is \$80.00 from DOT and floats will be needed to install signs. Discussion regarding donation of floating dock or materials ensued. Members agreed installation should be done later in the season.
- 7) New Business-
  - a) Discussion on the cost of replacing R. Chmiel's windshield and insurance coverage resulted in a decision pay for the windshields replacement. Motion: To reimburse R. Chmiel up to \$350.00 to replace his car windshield, made by P. Kelly, seconded by F. Grimsey, motion passed unanimously.
  - b) Scallop season, propagation, violations and permit changes were discussed. A donation idea was reviewed. P. Kelly noted changes for printing of permits.

- c) There was further discussion on the Town of Waterford dock's state of disrepair and safety concerns. According to R. Miller there is a work order in process with Public works.

8) Correspondence –

- a) Milford Lab open house is being held Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 9 am to 1 pm.

9) Public Input –

- a) Welcome to Niantic River sign is installed.
- b) The Annual Kayak Regatta is on Saturday, August 22, 2015.
- c) F. Grimsey is looking for volunteers to work on water quality and testing in Keeney Cove.

- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Secretary  
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission