



Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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

Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel, Lou Bull and Arthur C Saunders

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and accepted after corrections to the spelling of swing back chair and choliform; on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by L. Tytla, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after review of the financials and the July checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by T. Bowlen; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly requested the annual depreciation entry be processed and Town grant money request letters be sent.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The clamming areas are currently closed in Niantic and Waterford; recent water samples are good, waiting on meat sample results.
 - New swing back seat for wardens boat installed and working well.
 - A small amount of scallops were found .
 - There is not a clamming sign posted in the Niantic Bay area at the Crescent beach location.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business- None
- 7) New Business-
 - a) Mr. A. Sullivan of Niantic presented concerns regarding the clamming closures and requests for a refund or credit for next season. The members discussed the matter and agreed that no refunds or credits will be issued to permit holders.
 - b) Further discussion of an open scallop season will be tabled until the next meeting.
 - c) Board members discussed sample testing, water quality and sewer spillage issues.
 - d) Some discussion of proposed sewers in Pine Grove and Saunders Point Niantic ensued. Sewers in these areas would have a positive effect on shellfishing areas.
 - e) F. Grimsey asked Don Landers to assist in requesting Amtrak install the Niantic River Bridge welcome sign. The cost of the sign has increased to \$4,600.00
 - f) Transient moorings proposal in Cini Park was discussed.
 - g) A two year plan for bridge construction at Golden Spur has been proposed.
 - h) An idea to survey Keeney Cove and Jordan Cove residents was considered.
 - i) Donations to the commission for a scallop season were reviewed.
- 8) Correspondence – None
- 9) Public Input - None
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary