



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2015

East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Absent: Fred Grimsey

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel, Lou Bull, Keith Nielson, Major Marc Castelucci

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Kelly seconded by R. Miller, one abstain, motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials and the April checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by P. Spakowski seconded by L. Tytla; motion passed unanimously. Recently funds for prior year scallop and clam permit sales sold by the Town of Waterford were received. A suggestion of an inventory worksheet for outlets was discussed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - Currently open; May monthly samples have been completed.
 - The motor repair for the tilt/trim has been completed under warranty by Defender Marine.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports –
 - a) Major Castelucci reviewed a handout of buoy rules and regulations and the outline for the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone Project. He stated a 24 hour phone contact number will be available but no Radio/VHF contact. WELSCO suggested that DEEP be contacted regarding this project.
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) P. Harris outlined some ideas for spat collection. The bags or cages would be used and the process would take approximately 3 to 4 months, noting no permit is required per DA/BA. The costs and purchases required were discussed. Motion: To spend no more than \$500.00 to purchase spat collection bags and netron made by P. Spakowski, seconded by P. Kelly, motion passed unanimously.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) A Dock application was presented for 3 Plant Drive, Waterford by Keith Nielson of Docko Inc. Motion: to accept the application as presented as there are no adverse affects on shellfishing, made by P. Kelly, seconded by R. Miller, motion passed unanimously.
 - b) A Dock application was presented for 21 Park Drive, Waterford by Keith Nielson of Docko Inc. After a lengthy discussion the commission requested more information. WELSCO agreed to table a decision on this application until the next meeting when K. Nielson will bring additional information.

8) Correspondence -

- a) There is a zoning meeting on the proposed Oswegatchie Hills Project. WELSCO had written a letter in 2004 objecting to the project as the affects would be detrimental to shellfishing. E. Kanter reviewed the letter he recently updated with the commission. F. Grimsey will enter the letter into public record on WELSCO's behalf.

9) Public Input –

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyer's noted there have been no recent complaints. He stated people are hoping for an open scallop season.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission