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

Thursday, January 15, 2015  
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Guests: Joe Balesano, State Operations Officer of the State Military Dept. and Lou Bull of Hillyer's

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and accepted after (1) correction to item 4 " engine 1000 hours not miles" on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after a review of the financials and the December checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by P. Spakowski seconded by L. Tytla; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly inquired on balance due of Waterford Grant funding.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - The boat is still due for an oil change and new water pump. Boat slow tilt possibly from cold weather.
  - Monthly samples are complete. DA/BA requested APC sample this week; completed and delivered.
  - DA/BA requested samples for Jordan Cove be done in March.
  - Reports of scallops being found in small quantities.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – none
- 6) Old Business-
  - a) Joe Balesano, State Operations Officer, was present to review the proposed agreement "draft" between Welsco and the Connecticut Military Dept. for the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone Project. The project construction will start in the spring. A few key items regarding the dates of the agreement, buoy placement and markings, access locations, DEEP/Encon and renewal process were discussed. P. Harris will make revisions and send the updated draft to all parties. E. Kanter stated public notification should be addressed. J. Balesano offered to handle a press release.
  - b) The Weatherlink rain gauge system was discussed. P. Kelly spoke with Dick Morris and Chris Taylor of the East Lyme Dispatch Center regarding updates to include total storm rainfall. P. Harris has been contacted by J. Mulaney of USGS regarding contract renewal. Members discussed options.

Motion 1: To use the Weatherlink rain gauge located at the East Lyme Dispatch Center, as long as the total storm rainfall updates are addressed; by E. Kanter, seconded by P. Kelly, motion passed unanimously.

- c) The Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions is being held on January 31, 2015 from 9am to 2pm.  
P. Harris offered to carpool with attendees. Members will contact him by end of week if interested.

7) New Business-

- a) F. Grimsey brought a copy of the Welcome to Niantic River signage that has been completed by John Wilson of Signcraft. Amtrak has agreed to install the signage at no additional cost. Welsco will be donating 25% towards the cost of the sign to Save the River, Save the Hills.
- b) E. Kanter stated members, Chris Tomicheck and John Jasper, of the Niantic River Watershed Committee will be attending the February WELSCO meeting and should be added to the Agenda.

8) Correspondence -

- a) Tessa Getchis sent information to members on the Shellfish Farming Courses in Bristol RI.  
P. Harris will be attending the overview course on January 20, 2015.

9) Public Input –

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyer's noted shellfishermen would like the commission to open Scallop season.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker  
Secretary  
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission