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

Thursday, February 19, 2015  
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Absent: Fred Grimsey

Guests: Doug Lawson, Lou Bull, Chris Tomichak, John Jasper and Bob Conigliaro

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted after on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was one correction to move one wardens salary erroneously reported under the administrative salary line item. As the monthly and year to date totals are accurate the reports were accepted, after further review of the financials and the January checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed, on a motion by R. Miller seconded by P. Spakowski; motion passed unanimously. P. Kelly noted there is a pending inquiry with regard to the balance due of Waterford Grant funding for the 2013-2014 budget. The CPA Audit was completed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
  - The boat is out of the water, currently the ramp is frozen.
  - Bilge pump is not working properly.
  - The commission contacted Don Landers to borrow the Millstone boat to obtain samples.
  - The Boat Inc. invoice arrived and will be paid immediately.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – none
- 6) Old Business-
  - a) The final agreement regarding the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone Proposal is completed and has been signed by all parties.
  - b) The commission agreed P. Harris will contact DA/BA regarding the MOU change to reflect usage of the Weatherlink system. The rain gauge contract with USGS has been canceled.
  - c) P. Harris noted some key items discussed at the Annual Gathering of Shellfish commissions he and T. Bowlen attended in January.

7) New Business-

- a) ) Bob Conigliaro of Gerwick Mereen LLC reviewed the dock proposal for 182 Niantic River Rd with a fixed pier ramp and float. He stated they will use the existing stairs and it will have flow stops. The dock will be located in Area A. Motion 1: To accept the dock proposal as there is no adverse affect on shellfishing made by P. Kelly, seconded by R. Miller, motion passed unanimously.
  
- b) Chris Tomichek and John Jasper of the Niantic River Watershed Committee were present to give an overview to improve our water quality in the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Waterford and Salem. They reviewed handouts and detailed problem areas within East Lyme. They brought detailed graphs and charts for commission members. They noted the need for public awareness. The committee reaches out to the schools with education and noted Dominion is a big supporter. They are working on the application process for 501(C) 3 status.
  
- c) P. Harris reviewed the re-appointment of Richard Chmiel as Chief Warden. R. Chmiel agreed. Motion 2: To re-appoint Richard Chmiel as Chief Warden of WELSCO made by R. Miller, seconded by L. Tytla. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- d) P. Harris reviewed a proposal for salary increases. Motion 3: To increase the Chief Warden and Secretary's hourly rate by \$1.00 and Warden Bridgman by \$2.00; made by P. Spakowski, seconded by R. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- e) R. Chmiel looked into the purchase of a drive on boat ramp. This would alleviate the problems with trailering the boat and the icy condition issues. The cost is approximately \$4000.00 for a 3500 lb. capacity ramp.

8) Correspondence -

- a) A copy of the CPA audit is to be mailed to the Town of Waterford First Selectmen.

9) Public Input - none

10) The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker  
Secretary  
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission