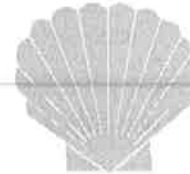




Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2014
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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

Absent: Tom Bowlen

Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel, Lou Bull and Tony Reynolds

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Richard Chmiel
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and accepted after correction to item 7 a) change to Arthur Saunders and item 7 d) remove Pine Grove; on a motion by P. Kelly, seconded by P. Spakowski, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after review of the financials and the August checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by R. Miller, seconded by L. Tytla; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The boat is running well.
 - Up to date on samples except for one due from July.
 - ☑ There is very little clamming activity; digging deep to find clams.
 - ☑ Almost no scallops are being found.
 - Chief on vacation in October, Warden Bridgman will be covering
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business- None
- 7) New Business-
 - a) Members reviewed the State project 044-147 to replace US Route 1 Over Niantic River bridge (Oil Mill Road) and response with regard to adverse affects to the shellfishing areas. Motion 1 – The runoff and siltation mitigation should be a priority throughout the construction and over the life of the new bridge to ensure no adverse impact to existing shellfish beds down river; made by P. Kelly, seconded by R. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) USGS rain gauge invoice for 2014 has been received at a cost of 3500.00 for the year. East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish and Waterford Shellfish Commissions will be billed their portion.
 - c) EL Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission recently discussed the purchase of a module to use in place of the USGS rain gauge.
 - d) Discussion was held regarding weekly and daily permits. Hillyer's has received more complaints with regard to refunds of clam permits.
- 8) Correspondence – None
- 9) Public Input –
 - a) Tony Reynolds of Boston Post Rd Waterford stated he was unable to find steamers recently in the Saunders Point Area. Chief Chmiel noted the area is plentiful but digging is required as they are quite deep this season.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker

Secretary

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