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Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2014
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members present: Peter Harris, Tom Bowlen, Paul Spakowski, Eric Kanter, Larry Tytla & Fred Grimsey
Absent J. Patrick Kelly & Rich Miller
Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel, Lou Bull & Keith Nielson

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by L. Tytla, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after a review of the financials and the September checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by P. Spakowski seconded by E. Kanter; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The boat is running well.
 - Currently closed for clamming. Samples will be collected and delivered Monday.
 - ☑ Closures of Area E- Niantic Bay Yacht Club area – are due to bad samples. Chief is planning to speak with owners of the Yacht Club regarding possible reasons this is occurring.
 - ☑ John Wadsworth of Mago Point Marina contacted the Chief stating he recently found a total of approximately twenty scallops in two hours of searching. If the commission decides to reseed he recommended reseeding would be best near Sandy Point and Horse Point.
 - Chief noted a mysterious Warden WELSCO sign and chainsaw appeared at the Wardens office.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – None
- 6) Old Business- None
- 7) New Business-
 - a) The commission discussed purchasing a Boston Whaler to use to collect samples during rough weather conditions. The commission did not agree to do so.
 - b) P. Harris reviewed a request he received for a grant application relating to educational aquaculture studies to be presented to the Town of Waterford. WELSCO was asked to send a letter on their behalf to support their request and any insight members would give. P. Harris received the preliminary text for the grant today which he will forward for members input.
 - c) P. Spakowski brought up the suggestion of reseeding of clams and scallop beds and the best time to do so. E. Kanter suggested spring and that a donation of spat would be one way but requires much work to prepare them for seeding. He did state a small size clam rather than the larger should be considered if the commission decides on purchasing seed.

- d) Keith Nielson of Docko reviewed an application to recondition an existing dock in the Northeast corner of Pine Grove. This area is not open for shellfishing. The commission agreed to make a decision at the next meeting in order to officially add the item to the November agenda.

8) Correspondence

- a) KB Shellfish Inc. sent a letter regarding difficulties with a lease to DA/BA. Copies were handed out to members.
- b) E. Kanter discussed information he attained at the Noank Shellfish meeting.

9) Public Input –

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyer's noted that Stonington is open for scallop season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission