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Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014
East Lyme Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Absent: Rich Miller

Guests: Chief Warden Richard Chmiel, Lou Bull, Keith Nielson & Major Mark Castelucci

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by J. Kelly, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after a review of the financials and the October checking account bank reconciliation; including any checks disbursed on a motion by P. Spakowski seconded by R. Kanter; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chief Warden's Comments-
 - The boat is running well, bilge is ok.
 - Currently closed for clamming. Samples will be collected Monday.
 - Two demarcation signs have been purchased from the DA/BA.
 - Chief is planning to collect samples for Jordan Cove on Sunday.
 - DA/BA requested another boat in water count be done over the weekend.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – none
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) The Aquaculture Grant application for Waterford was completed and copies were forwarded to members. P. Harris stated members should consider attending a meeting held in the future to support the proposal.
 - b) A proposal by Keith Neilson of Docko Inc. regarding the existing dock located at 5 North Main St was reviewed. Motion 1: to accept the proposal as presented as there is no adverse affect on shellfishing, made by L. Tytla, seconded by P. Spakowski; motion passed unanimously.
 - c) A new rain gauge module has arrived and is in the process of being calibrated according to E. Kanter of the EL Harbor Management/ Shellfish Commission. It would be installed at the EL Dispatch center, who would also be responsible for monitoring the rain gauge. The cost is much less than the current USGS contract that will expire on December 31, 2014. The cost would be split between the three shellfish commissions.

7) New Business-

- a) Major Mark Castelucci , representative of Camp Niantic, reviewed a proposal called “Camp Niantic Proposed Force Protection-Exclusion Zone”. There was discussion as to the effect this protection zone will have on shellfishing in the area adjacent to the southeast shore along the water. A plan for protocol will need to be established. P. Harris will contact Major Dan Caisse to formulate a plan.
- b) Ledge Light Health District has created a website for information on clamming bed closure/openings which is updated within 30 minutes of changes. The site is www.ledgelighthd.org/shellfish-beds.
- c) E. Kanter reviewed a copy of the WELSCO statement on Aquaculture project in the Niantic River the commission prepared a few years ago.

8) Correspondence -

- a) Discussion was held regarding the New London Day article regarding shellfishing regulations. P. Harris and P. Kelly were contacted for their input.

9) Public Input –

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyers noted recreational and commercial shellfishermen are finding ample scallops in Long Island.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission