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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2014
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm

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

Absent: J. Patrick Kelly and Fred Grimsey

Guests: Doug Lawson of Waterford Shellfish Commission 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 November meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by T. Bowlen, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's report was accepted, after a review of the financials and the November 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 Report-
 - The boat is due for an oil change and new water pump; engine has over 1000 miles.
 - Currently open for shellfishing; samples were taken on Monday.
 - Shellfish sample compliance is current per the DA/BA.
- 5) Subcommittee Reports – none
- 6) Old Business-
 - a) The Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone Proposal was discussed. P. Harris sent a letter to Major's Case and Castelucci. A response has been received and a draft MOU with Camp Niantic was reviewed by commission members. New permits may need to be printed or an addendum created. R. Miller will review this proposed MOU with the Harbormaster. It was agreed to hold further discussion on a final draft at the next meeting.
- 7) New Business-
 - a) The new rain gauge/software purchased is online with the East Lyme Dispatch Center. Subscribers receive an e-mail daily about 8 am with weather conditions and open/close of shellfishing areas. The one inch rain trigger notice will also be added. P. Harris noted an error with one days' message. A resolution was handled expediently by calling the East Lyme Dispatch Center and speaking with Chris Taylor; otherwise the system appears to be working well. The current contract with USGS will expire on December 31, 2014. If the respective commissions do agree to use the new rain gauge, all three commissions must change their MOU with the DA/BA to reflect the change.

- b) The Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions is being held on January 31, 2015 from 9am to 2pm. Members received a copy of the invitation. Interested members need to notify P. Harris by the next meeting if they plan to attend.

8) Correspondence -

- a) E. Kanter handed out copies of the 2005 Shellfish Management plan and "Clam Heaven" publication written by Tessa Getchis of the CT Sea Grant College Program.

9) Public Input –

- a) Lou Bull of Hillyer's offered to assist in handing out any notices or maps required with the implementation of the Camp Niantic Exclusion Zone plan in the future.

- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Tinker
Secretary
Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission