

Town of Waterford Shellfish Commission  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Waterford Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lawson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome Members and Guests

4. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Meehan, Corriveau, Facchini, Lawson and Baker. Absent were Commissioners Carbone, Miller, and Francolino.

5. Approval of the October 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Corriveau, seconded by Commissioner Meehan to approve the October 4, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Public Input – none.

7. Correspondence

Chairman Lawson discussed various correspondence, minutes and agendas from Waterford Boards/Commissions and agencies he received over the past month with the Commission members.

Chairman Lawson discussed a correspondence between Mr. Donald Landers of the East Lyme Harbor Management Commission, Mr. John R. Mullaney and Mr. Patrick Kelly regarding the Connecticut DOT rain gauge located near I-95 at Exit 74 used to manage shellfish closures. The correspondence states the USGS support of the rain gauge will end this year and it discusses the possibility of the surrounding shellfishing commissions to co-fund the gauge in the amount of thirty five hundred dollars to continue its use. Commissioner Facchini made a motion to move ahead and keep the rain gauge and keep a partnership with the surrounding shellfishing commissions to maintain the communications regarding the sanitary conditions of the clamming areas. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Lawson discussed a correspondence regarding a dock permit.

8. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Francolino was not present to discuss the treasurer's report with the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Facchini, seconded by Commissioner Meehan to postpone the review of the Treasurer's Report until next month. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

9. Monthly Monitoring and Sampling Report

Chairman Lawson stated the recreational shellfishing areas are currently closed due to excessive rainfall this year. Satisfactory samples will be required to re-open the shellfishing areas. Chairman Lawson stated Mr. Ryan McGammon from Ledge Light Health District has done a great job keeping in contact with the Commission regarding closures and it is greatly appreciated.

10. New Business

a. To consider and act on a motion to approve the 2012 Waterford Shellfish Commission meeting schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Facchini, seconded by Commissioner Meehan to approve the 2012 meeting scheduled as follows; January 3, 2012, February 7, 2012, March 6, 2012, April 3, 2012, May 1, 2012, June 5, 2012, July 3, 2012, August 7, 2012, September 4, 2012, October 2, 2012, November 13, 2012, and December 4, 2012. Discussion, none, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

b. To consider and act on a motion to discuss the 2012-13 budget request.

A discussion was held regarding adding the costs of funding for the rain gauge at the DOT garage to the proposed budget and the Professional Fees line item was adjusted to reflect the Commission's portion of the funding required to maintain the rain gauge at the DOT facility at exit 74.

Commissioner Facchini discussed the "duck ick" problem in the Jordan Cove area from duck and goose feces. He inquired regarding how to contact DEP regarding this problem in order to determine the best way to eliminate and report the problem. Suggestions were held regarding taking water samples to determine if and when the waters are polluted and how to eliminate this sanitary problem. Chairman Lawson will investigate and report back with his findings.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion regarding permit sales/re-stock for the 2011 season.

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The recreational shellfishing areas have not been re-stocked since May due to inclement weather. Chairman Lawson discussed the permit sales to date and the lease intake for the Commission and stated the commission took in a total of three thousand and forty two dollars in revenue from the leases and permit sales. Last year the commission sold two hundred and ten permits and this year a total of one forty nine permits have been sold this season. This season the Commission lost sixty five seasonal days of shellfishing since the month of August and the permit sales are down this year because of the closures.

b. Discussion regarding patrolling the recreational shell fishing areas.

Chairman Lawson stated he has discontinued the Warden patrolling of the recreational shellfishing areas until further notice and stated the only authorized activity from the Wardens will be to take samples of the water to the lab. The Commission members will self patrol the waters on its own until further notice.

c. Discussion regarding potential oyster beds.

Chairman Lawson stated he obtained and distributed four thousand oysters for the purpose of recreational shellfishing areas in the calm waters for potential harvest in the next shellfishing season.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Facchini to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Waterford Shellfish Commission.

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Chairman Lawson stated he purchased and distributed two thousand oysters for the purpose of recreational shell fishing in the upcoming season and they were distributed in the calm waters to ensure the best survival rate possible. The Commission spent a total of two hundred dollars on the oysters.

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