

Waterford Shellfish Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 6, 2011
7:00 p.m. – Waterford Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lawson called the regular meeting of the Waterford Shellfish Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome Members and Guests.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of the August 2, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Francolino, seconded by Commissioner Facchini to approve the August 2, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Public Input – none.

7. Correspondence

Chairman Lawson reviewed and discussed various correspondence including agendas and meeting minutes from town Boards and Commissions as well as an invitation to a “Save the Hills” event and correspondence regarding the boat agreement between the shellfish Commissions.

8. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Francolino reviewed the expenditures and revenues of the Treasurer’s Report through July 31, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Facchini to approve the Treasurer’s Report as reviewed and discussed. Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Monthly Monitoring and Sampling Report

Chairman Lawson indicated the recreational shell fishing areas have been closed for most of the month due to excessive rainfall. The first closure in August was on the 8th and the next on August 14th and the areas have been closed since. After over an inch of rainfall samples are taken to determine if the waters are clean enough to open again and meat samples are taken to determine if the shellfish can be eaten. The last meat samples submitted failed to pass and Chairman Lawson stated the areas will be tested again after next week. He hopes to get the go ahead to open as soon as possible and stated the closures have cost the Commission in loss of permit sales.

10. New Business – none.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion regarding re-stock.

Chairman Lawson stated he called around to determine if he can purchase certified clams for re-stock and was told the State shell fishing areas have been closed since the excessive rainfall and there are none available at this time. The hurricane has caused most if not all of the shell fishing areas in Connecticut to remain closed until satisfactory tests are returned. A discussion was held regarding the pollution and debris in the waters since the hurricane passed through. A discussion was held regarding the damage the hurricane did to the beaches and shell fishing areas in Waterford. Chairman Lawson stated some of the buoys have been moved by the rushing water and signs need to be relocated to their original origin. It was the consensus of the Commission members to go out to get a better idea of what needs to be repaired and returned to its original spot. There is a considerable amount of debris on the beaches that will require large equipment to move and dispose of.

b. Discussion regarding permit sales.

Chairman Lawson stated permit sales are down this year due to the inclement weather. He explained there were many weekends the recreational shell fishing areas were closed causing a loss of revenue from permit sales.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Francolino, seconded by Commissioner Baker to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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