

Town of Waterford Shellfish Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 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. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome Members and Guests

4. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Lawson, Meehan, Corriveau, Havens, Malley and Calkins. Absent were Commissioners Francolino, Miller, and LeBelle

Alternate Commissioner Calkins was appointed to sit as a regular voting member of this meeting in the absence of Commissioner Francolino and alternate member Havens was appointed to sit as a regular voting member of this meeting in the absence of regular voting member Miller.

5. Approval of the April 5, 2016 regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Corriveau, seconded by Commissioner Malley to approve the April 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as reviewed and submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 6-0, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Public Input

There was no one from the public present for discussion at this meeting.

7. Correspondence

Chairman Lawson reviewed various meeting minutes, agendas, emails and correspondence sent to the Shellfish Commission over the past month. He discussed correspondence regarding sampling, closures and activity as it relates to the Waterford Shellfish Commission that was sent to him either by mail or email over the course of the past month.

He stated Zofia Baumann, Assistant Research Professor at the UConn Department of Marine Sciences in Groton had requested permission at the last Waterford Shellfish Commission meeting to start sampling the Waterford recreational shell fishing areas for the University of Connecticut project being funded by the Connecticut Sea Grant. Chairman Lawson stated he has given her permission to start sampling this week. She has also requested permission to take samples on the first week of June, in mid July and during the first week of September.

8. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Francolino was absent from the meeting and Chairman Lawson reviewed the Treasurer's Report in his absence with the data he received from the Waterford Finance Department through March, 2016. He discussed revenues and expenditures incurred throughout the past month including a request for payment for Warden hours that was submitted for payment.

Motion made by Commissioner Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Corriveau to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. Discussion, none, voice vote, 6-0, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Monthly Monitoring and Sampling Report

Chairman Lawson stated the recreational shell fishing areas are currently open after the return of satisfactory testing results after the last rain fall but he anticipates a closure due to the abundance of rain this week. He will keep the Commission members posted.

10. New Business

a. Discussion regarding renewing leases.

Chairman Lawson stated the leases of Mr. Russell and Mr. Markow are due for renewal and there is a proposal for a lease of bottom land from Mr. Markow that requires a vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Corriveau to renew the current lease of Mr. Russell for five years for 106.68 acres of bottom land as described in said lease in the amount of \$747.00 per year as agreed upon by all parties involved. Discussion: Chairman Lawson stated the Town Attorney has looked over the lease and if the Commission should approve the proposed five year lease extension all parties will be required to sign the lease at a later date to deem it valid. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor, motion carried. A copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to the First Selectman and Town Attorney.

Motion made by Commissioner Calkins, seconded by Commissioner Meehan to renew the current lease of Mr. Jim Markow for an additional five years for the 55.0 acres of bottom land as described in said lease

in the amount of \$339.30 per year as agreed upon by all parties involved. Discussion: Chairman Lawson stated the Town Attorney has looked over the lease and if the Commission approves the five year lease extension all parties will be required to sign the lease at a later date to deem the lease as valid. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor, motion carried. A copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to the First Selectman and Town Attorney.

Motion made by Commissioner Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Corriveau to approve the proposed 113 acre lease of bottom land to Mr. Jim Markow for five years for a monetary amount of \$1,416.00 per year payable each year for five years on the anniversary of the signed lease. Discussion: Chairman Lawson stated the Town Attorney has looked over the lease and if the Commission should approve the proposed five year lease all parties will be required to sign the lease at a later date to deem it valid. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor, motion carried. A copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to the First Selectman and Town Attorney.

Chairman Lawson stated he is happy the Commission is moving forward with its goal to become completely self sufficient in the near future. He explained the yearly revenue from leases and from permit sales continues to grow and therefore lessens the amount of money the Commission needs to request from the Town for operating expenses each year.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion regarding the proposed FY 2016-2017 Waterford Shellfish budget request.

Chairman Lawson stated that he has attended all the budget request meetings to date and will continue to attend to answer questions that the boards/agencies may have regarding the FY 2016-2017 request. He did not have anything new to report regarding the proposed budget request but will keep the Commission updated and pass along any information he receives throughout the month. He stated the process is almost complete and he does not expect any problems with the budget request as it is less than requested last year.

b. Update regarding oyster and little neck clam restock.

Chairman Lawson stated he hopes to secure the clams for restock as soon as the waters are warm enough to distribute the clams. He explained the waters need to reach at least fifty degrees to distribute re-stock and he explained he took a water temperature this week and the water temperature is currently forty nine degrees. He stated as soon as the boats are in the water the Commission can order clams for re-stock for this season.

12. Adjournment

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Motion made by Commissioner Calkins, seconded by Commissioner Malley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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.