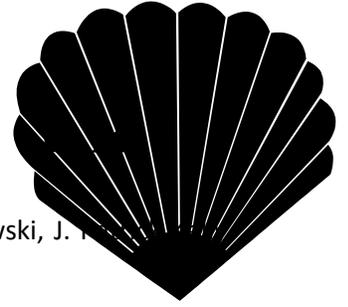


Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2016
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



Members present: Peter Harris, Rich Miller, Eric Kanter, Fred Grimsey, Paul Spakowski, J. P. Kelly, and Tom Bowlen

Absent: Larry Tytla

Guests: Chief Warden Rich Chmiel, Dan Cunningham, Lou Bull of Hillyers Tackle, Tim Londregan of NBSF, Jim Markow of Aeros Oyster and Mark Harrell

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm after a quorum established.
- 2) The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by P. Kelly, after one correction to add Dan Cunningham as guest, all in favor; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report was reviewed including the financials on a motion by P. Spakowski, seconded by R. Miller; all in favor; motion passed.
- 4) Chief Warden's Report-
 - The shellfish areas are currently open, samples were taken Sunday.
 - Wardens boat was pressure washed/bottom painted and had an oil change.
 - Jordan Cove has been seeded.
 - A shellfishing sign has been repaired.
 - Chief requested a water outlet installed and a new lock for wardens building
 - Chief discussed the option of repairing axle on trailer vs purchasing new one.
- 5) Old Business-
 - a) Jim Markow has been successful with oyster cultivation in the closed area and plans to continue harvesting and reseeding this October. He will be donating a portion to WELSCO. Tim Londregan would prefer to use another area he outlined in his proposal for creating a sustainable shellfishery.

Motion by E. Kanter; Whereas the WELSCO Aquaculture Policy Plan has not been updated in 14 years and the river has changed in the past 14 years, the commission would like to add WELSCO #7 (with the specific coordinates to be determined) to the existing aquaculture areas; seconded by P. Spakowski; all in favor.
 - b) The permit re-design regulations and changes were reviewed. There were 2500 copies printed.
 - c) Members discussed purchasing stock and the best areas to seed in the Niantic River.

Motion by P. Spakowski; to purchase \$2,000.00 worth of mixed size clam seed from Aeros Oyster, seconded by F. Grimsey; all in favor.

d) Docko Inc. permit application for the Reardon Property located at 5 Shawandasse in Waterford was tabled to the next meeting.

6) New Business-

a) There was discussion to revise the WELSCO Aquaculture Policy Plan. A subcommittee was formed consisting of P. Harris, E. Kanter and F. Grimsey.

7) Correspondence –

a) A forum next Wednesday August 24th at the Groton Elks will be hosted by Paul Formica from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

b) The question of the LIS Study of dredging spoils was reviewed.

c) The Annual Kayak Regatta is being held this Saturday August 20th.

8) Ex-Officio Comments –

Dan Cunningham noted a new Director has been appointed to the Ledge Light Health District.

9) Public Input –

Jim Markow requested a letter of permission from WELSCO to allow Marc Harrell to work on behalf of Aeros Oyster with the oyster cultivation and seeding.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm on a motion by P. Spakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tinker
Secretary