



SHELLFISH COMMISSION AGENDA APRIL 10th, 2018.

1. Acceptance of March meeting minutes.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Kim's departure from Greenwich
4. Shellfish coordinators repo- changing of signs and hotline messages when beds are open and closed.

Recently when the beds were reopened the signs at Greenwich Point were not changed to reflect this. On another occasion the phone message on the hotline and the signs at the Point differed causing confusion to recreational shellfishing.

The system needs to be rectified and clarified as to whom is responsible for what so that this does not occur.

5. UCONN Partnership. Research Projects Funding
co-sponsoring (with CESE) two "research" activities in Greenwich that could be "Partnership Initiatives", one on **Microplastics** and one on **Cyanotoxins** associated with Harmful Algal Blooms. UCONN have requested the Commission's assistance in covering 50 pct of the cost of these two research projects that they wish to take place in Greenwich waters

Total cost of each

Microplastics \$28,000 (i.e \$14,000 for Shellfish Commissions account)

Cyanotoxins \$38,000 (i.e \$19,000 for Shellfish Commissions account)

The above is being discussed with the Town to free up these amounts from the Shellfish Commissions account.

6. Seed Oyster Project Mianus River

The formation of the Harbour Management Commission (HMC) requires us to advise them details of this operation. As the Mianus River area includes the Riverside Yacht Club mooring fields the HMC mooring committee may become involved.

Riverside YC have already expressed concern about commercial shellfishing in that area.

Mianus River Crew activity safety on the Mianus will also need to be discussed with the Marine Police

We will send them the basic details of a permit and operation for their information and comments. The intent is to get the basics understood so that future operations will just need to be advised to the HMC for immediate approval

7. NOAA new farm project update + signage at Greenwich point – awaiting news from NOAA

8. Sole source proposal for Oyster movement within Greenwich Cove. This will be ready by next meeting for review.

9. Finalization of Weir documentary - use for education/update. Sarah has met with John Motay and he is making further changes per her comments.

Once complete the full Commission will review for final comments/changes.

10. Recreational shellfishing - St Pauls School demo – date ?

11. Experience the Sound 2018. Participants - new Town requirements. All participants (Non Town Agencies) will now be required to sign a 'hold harmless document'

Posters are in the works.

12. Byram River Pollution/DABA/NOAA/GSC project – awaiting news from NOAA and DABA

13. NOAA - DABA full Resource survey Greenwich Cove – awaiting news.

14. UCONN Fund Raising further options ideas ? Fund raising event at Innis Arden Cottage

15. PR expansion - Experience the Sound Website, Twitter, Facebook

16. KELP/ATLANTIC CLAM FARMS moving forward

17. Update on changes in Conservation Commission

18. New Business