Present: Roger Bowgen, Chairman, Bill Cameron, Frank Cantelmo, Eve Duplessie, Jonathan Stone

Absent: Bill Gremp, Rick Kral, Sue Baker

Guests: Michael Long

The meeting began at 5:34 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Bill Gremp is away

Coordinator's Report: Jay Louden is away. Roger mentioned that Jonathan Stone has offered to take the Connecticut Safe Boating Course to fill in where needed with sample collection.

Shellfish Commission meeting in New Haven: Frank said the meeting was good – the Greenwich Shellfish Commission was mentioned a number of times as doing good things. Other Commissions are looking at many of the things Greenwich is doing as a good example. Frank mentioned that Fairfield sells a large number of permits but they are broken down into categories (oysters, clams, clams and oysters, etc.). Jonathan said he has a listing of all the permits that other Commissions sell. Roger stated that the Commission needs to figure out a way of promoting the shellfish program better to get more permits sold. Frank mentioned that the State has a mapping atlas feature on the web that may be useful to some. Frank mentioned that Guilford has done some seeding of scallops which may be of interest in Town. Roger stated that he had spoken with Charlie Yarish about a possible study with scallops using kelp instead of eelgrass. Frank mentioned that he has been working with NOAA regarding their sampling technique and other items with their study. Roger said that he has approval for a Press Release on the NOAA project – Frank will work on putting one together.

Recreational Shellfish Beds: On March 1st, 2015 Ed Stilwagen and Jardar Nygaard are scheduled to give presentations about what they do at the Innis Arden Cottage. Roger plans on setting up a demonstration and Ed will have his raw bar. Roger said that on June 7, 2015 the Marine Police will be giving a boating safety talk at the Cottage. Roger has emailed the Emily Fodorko Foundation to see if they are interested in participating in the event.

Frank Mazza meeting: Roger said that he had met with Frank Mazza (Harbor Management Commission). Roger reviewed with him what the Greenwich Shellfish Commission does and Roger gave him a map of all the shellfish bed locations in Greenwich. Frank Mazza informed Roger that the Commission will be involved in the development of the Harbor Management Plan which they are currently putting together.

Request from Stamford Family for Shellfish Permit: Roger received an email requesting a shellfish permit from a Stamford family. He placed a call and left a message for a call back. Discussion ensued about the fact that Stamford has a shellfish program and managed recreational beds so it was not clear as to why issuance of a Greenwich permit was necessary.

Touch Tank Maintenance: Roger said the top of the touch tank needs replacement due to some corrosion and will cost about $500.
**J. Koven Weir Project:** Roger said that State Aquaculture will be issuing a Scientific Permit for the work on the tidal pond. Roger is working with Jamie Koven to set up a meeting with Michael Chambers on the dredging permit process for the site.

**UCONN Laboratory @ Innis Arden Cottage:** Roger is working with Jamie Koven to set up a meeting with Michael Chambers on the dredging permit process for the site.

**UCONN Laboratory @ Innis Arden Cottage:** Roger is working on setting up a meeting in early March to identify the space requirements they will need and will send a letter to Denise Savageau outlining the project.

**NOAA Project:** Frank will work on a press release.

**Experience the Sound and Beyond:** Roger mentioned that the date for the event this year is June 21, 2015. He is looking for input on exhibitors. There will be two locations this year – the Innis Arden Cottage for the tables and Old Greenwich Yacht Club for the raw bar. Roger received confirmation that the Sound Waters schooner will be there. Shuttle buses will run between the two sites. Eve mentioned that she could contact an author of a shellfish book to be there.

**Town Website:** Roger wanted to try to get a volunteer to maintain the website, facebook page or blog for the Commission. The consensus was that maybe a student at the high school would be interested.

**New Business:** Roger mentioned the possibility of having a kids demo in the warmer weather to help promote the program. They could do pictures and have a photo exhibit at the Cottage. Bill Cameron mentioned that there is a large area between the main parking lot and the yacht club that has a large amount of growth but no one shellfishes there. Frank said they can shellfish there but it also serves as a breeding ground for the oysters.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2015 at 5:30 PM possibly at the Innis Arden Cottage, Roger will check. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:40 PM.

Michael Long