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Shellfish Commission February 11, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sue Baker, Steven Kinner, Jonathan Stone, Rick Kral, William Grempe, Bill Cameron

Absent: Roger Bowgen, Devan Shulby, Joan Tracy Sequin

Guests: Chris Coccaro – Consultant, Steve Schafer - Stellamar Oysters, Michael Long – Gw Health, Robert Makuch resident

The meeting began at 5:37 pm

The January 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Treasurers report – Bill Grempe said there are adequate funds.

Coordinators report – Steve reported that the new engine had been installed and he has finished the 30-hour break in. He did a round of sampling with NOAA on February 6, 2020 they will need to do two more runs (March and April). He is waiting to hear from DABA on the sampling needed. He is assisting with interviews of candidates for the Boat operator position. He has not heard from DABA on the qualifying of samplers. Tony at Beacon Point suggested some maintenance and improvement items for the boat, he will put together an estimate for the work.

UCONN PFA Study – No further news on this.

NOAA oyster project in Greenwich Cove – They need two more runs in March and April.

GSC/Atlantic Clam Farms Clam operations – Sue said that Ed Stilwagen helped with the survey on the dredging. Sue mentioned that Ed had done some surveying of clams in the Cove and feels there are insufficient numbers of small clams to recommence a full harvesting operation. Ed is working on getting a transplant permit for clams in the Mianus River.

Stellamar – Steve mentioned that he has seen no evidence of an oyster set. Cultch is needed and a source for that will need to be figured out. He would like to sit down with Roger and determine what needs to be done. He figures that he will need about 5000 bushels of shell. Sue suggested that maybe Ed Stilwagen could help.

GSC/BOP Summer Education Project at Innis Arden Cottage – They are interested in repeating the program this year but needs staffing – teenagers and naturalists.

Greenwich Country Day/BOP – GCD is working on their program. They will be giving a presentation on it for the First Sunday Science program in June.

Lucas Point Oyster seeding – They are trying to organize with the community. DABA has requested more information.

Old Greenwich seeding project Edgewater Road – This is a similar project to the Lucas Point project and are looking for input and working on a project description.

Experience the Sound – The date of June 21, 2020 has been approved by the Town. In March notifications will go out to participants. Soundwaters Schooner is considering possibly not attending this year due to low participation

last year with the sail. Sue mentioned that they suggested the Commission buy the boat time or they offer powered rides (45 min) instead of the sail (2 hours). Sue will speak with them about the options.

Shellfish Demonstration – Sue suggested cancelling the demo for March in favor of an April Demo since April is “Earth Month” and weather will be warmer – April 18th with a rain date of April 19th was suggested.

New Business – None

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

Michael Long