



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

February 14, 2017

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Sarah Crosby, Bill Grempe

Absent: Rick Kral, Jonathan Stone, Joan Seguin

Guests: Michael Long, Jardar Nygaard, Kim Bruce

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting was approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Bill Grempe said the Commission has about \$316,600 in the receipt account.

Coordinator's Report: Kim said that they had done a run for areas A, B, G and H a couple weeks ago and will possibly do a run next week. The boat is now located at the Grass Island docks.

Jardar Nygaard: Jardar reported that the study for the wastewater treatment plant is scheduled for the first week of April 2017. The results of this study could indicate changes to some prohibited and restricted relay shellfish areas.

UCONN agreement: Roger noted that the Bioblitz event date has moved from June to September 9 – 10, 2017 which will allow for more time to plan. UCONN considering doing a monthly science column in a paper starting in March. Roger is waiting to hear back from UCONN. UCONN will work on a budget for advertising to see if the Commission can fund it. Roger said he will look to put a committee together for the event.

Shellfish Documentary: Roger said he would like to get a new documentary made to promote the shellfish program and water quality. He will work on getting quotes.

Oysters: Jardar said that he would like to seed the weir area with about 100 bushels of oysters from the Chimney Corners area after he places another 100 bushels of cultch. He mentioned that Byram Harbor has some good oysters as well as the Field Point East area.

Oyster Seeding: Roger mentioned that the oyster seeding this year will not be in the Cove this year. Roger will write a letter to Dave Carey about other options for a seeding program this year.

Ed Stilwagen/ACF – Summer Shellfish: Jardar said that he will stake some sandy areas in Area C off Greenwich Point for Ed Stilwagen to place clams to allow for summer shellfishing opportunities.

First Sunday Science @ Innis Arden Cottage: On March 5, 2017 there will be a water quality discussion at the cottage. Roger Bowgen, Sarah Crosby, Michael Long, Denise Savageau and Curt Johnson from Save the Sound will be there to talk about what they do regarding water testing. Roger said that the Emsway Boating Safety Day will be on May 21, 2017 and will be in the clam bake area due to the large turnout that showed up last time. Roger said that on March 25, 2017 OCearch will be giving a talk on great white sharks.

Wardens: Bill Cameron handed out the warden list. A shellfish demonstration date of March 18, 2017 @ 9 am was decided on.

New Commission Member: Roger is looking for potential candidates to fill the vacancy, Steven Fong who was interested does not have the time to devote to the Commission.

Innis Arden Cottage Clean-up /Wi-Fi: Roger said that he will get some containers for storage at the cottage.

Harbor Management Commission: Roger reported that the dredging of the Cos Cob harbor is complete, there is a meeting tomorrow night and he will get an update.

Experience the Sound: The date is set (6/25/2017), Roger will work on getting some "Save the Date" postcards sent out.

New Business: None

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:20PM.

Michael Long