



MINUTES OF SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Present: Sue Baker, Joan Seguin, Devan Shulby, Chris Coccaro, Bill Cameron, Jonathan Stone, Rick Kral

Guests: Jay Louden, Steve Kinner, Jardar Nygaard, Michael Long

Absent: Roger Bowgen, Bill Grempp

Minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting were accepted.

Treasurers Report: No Report

Sue mentioned that Chris will be moving out of town and they will need to look for another commission member. Chris said he would like to continue to help the Commission where he can. Sue said that permit sales will resume at the Sportsman's Den as soon as the Town Clerk, Carmella Budkins, returns to work and signs off on the process. Sue said the budget meetings went well.

Coordinators report: Steve reported that they had 2 sampling rounds that he was a part of and that tomorrow he would be going to Milford to get trained to sample by DABA. He said Jay gave him the rundown on the equipment and how he has set up the sampling routes. Sue said that with Jay leaving they will be interviewing another candidate for shellfish coordinator. Jay mentioned that if the Shellfish Commission will be expanding their services he would recommend getting a new boat. They had some issues with hauling the hand dredges in when they were working with NOAA.

Shellfish Demos: Sue said that March 31 at 2pm could be a good time and tide to hold a demonstration. Joan mentioned that Sunday March 3 there will be a cleanup at Greenwich Point.

UCONN Partnership: Sue mentioned that there will be a meeting this week to prepare for their kickoff meeting. Sue said the final report for the Microplastics study should be out in March and that the funding for the second phase was approved by the budget committee.

NOAA: Sue said that they are working on dates to use the shellfish boat and test a drop camera on the oyster beds.

Stella Mar proposal for oyster movement: Jardar showed a map of where he has taken oysters from Chimney Corners and showed some photographs of how many oysters there are. He said that he has transferred some oysters but he is limited by the permit as to what he can take. He would like to get permission to take a variety of sizes and transfer them to the Mianus which flushes very well. Based on the dye study that was done Chimney Corners does not flush out well.

Sense of the Meeting – The Shellfish Commission approves the scope of the project but would like to review the details regarding the change to all sizes of oysters prior to voting on the change.

Weir Project: Jon witnessed the offloading of the oysters at the weir. Sue and Jardar will stop to check them out.

Billion Oyster Project/Shellfish Commission Education Project: Sue and Joan are looking to pilot a program at

the Innis Arden Cottage during the summer. They are looking to set up a “Science Camp” using high school seniors setting up the lesson plan.

Experience the Sound: New fliers are being made up for the event.

PR expansion: Chris said his sister-in-law was not able to make the meeting but that she would be available to have a conference call next week.

Wardens: Bill Cameron said that the Sportsman’s Den is selling large rakes for clamming and potato rakes are sufficient. Sue said she will speak with them.

Docks: Sue said that the approval process is now coordinated with harbor management. Sue and Roger will be taking a look at one.

Ford Beds/Norm Bloom beds: All issues around the moorings and beds have been resolved.

Coastal Resiliency RFP – this is being managed by the Conservation Commission but they will keep the Shellfish Commission in the loop.

New Business: Sue mentioned that John Jinishian presented her with a painting in honor of Lucy, it will be hung in the Innis Arden Cottage. Jay offered his thanks to Bill Grep and Jonathan Stone for their assistance on the boat over the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Michael Long