



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

April 10, 2018

Present: Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Jonathan Stone, Devan Shulby, Rick Kral

Absent: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sarah Crosby, Joan Seguin, Bill Grempe

Guests: Michael Long, Jardar Nygaard, Steven Schaefer, Jay Louden

The meeting began at 5:39 pm. There was not a quorum at the beginning of the meeting

Treasurer: Bill Grempe not in attendance

Kim Bruce leaving: Sue Baker said that Kim is leaving at the end of the month. She mentioned that the job has been posted and to have any interested people apply through the Human Resources office.

Coordinator's Report: Sue mentioned that there was some confusion a couple of weeks ago when the signs at the Point said the beds were open and the hotline said they were closed. Michael Long acknowledged this was due to the fact that when he changed the hotline message it did not save properly and he did not verify this by checking the hotline afterwards.

Rick Kral arrived

Minutes: The minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

UConn Partnership: Sue mentioned that the talk on plastics given this past weekend at the Innis Arden Cottage went well. She reviewed the donation packet that Roger put together and requested ideas on people to send to. Sue mentioned the studies that UConn is looking to undertake (Microplastics and Cyanotoxins) and mentioned they are looking to the Commission for 50% of the funding which will be \$14000 for the microplastics study and \$19000 for the cyanotoxin study. Michael Long is working on the budget with the Town to see what is needed.

Seed Oyster Harvest Mianus River: Sue mentioned that the Harbor Management Commission will be meeting next Wednesday and they will apprise them of the plan. She mentioned that the Riverside Yacht Club has concerns about the mooring field. Jardar mentioned that limits can be placed on the permit and that Roger and Dave Carey were discussing it. Rick mentioned that at the last meeting the details of the permit were going to be worked out with the Commission. Rick mentioned that the moorings and other yacht club activities would need to be considered as well. Devan asked what the timing of the harvest would be. Jardar said it could be from 4 to 6 weeks.

NOAA farm project update: Sue said they are waiting to hear from NOAA

Oyster Project in Cove: Sue said that Roger is proceeding with a sole source proposal and that should be ready by the next meeting.

Finalization of Documentary: Sue said the Sarah met with John Motay and he is making further changes based on her comments. Once complete the full Commission will review for final comments/changes. Sue asked about the cultch in the weir since she was not seeing any and Jardar said that it had probably silted over and that the cultch stands a better chance on the outside of the weir.

Recreational Shellfishing: Sue asked Rick about the St. Paul's demo. He said he will check with them and work on a date. Rick suggested setting up a demo on a week night like a Thursday around 6 pm since many people are busy with other things on the weekend. Discussion ensued on when to have a demo based on tides and the upcoming end of the season. A tentative date of Saturday 4/21/2018 at 10 am was arrived at which coincides with Earthday weekend activities. Devan suggested piggybacking on other events occurring that weekend to get the word out.

Experience the Sound: Sue mentioned that the Town is requiring a Special Event Permit process due to the size and includes more paperwork. Posters are being made up.

Byram River: Sue said that they are waiting on information from NOAA and DABA.

NOAA – DABA Greenwich Cove Survey: Sue said they are waiting to hear from NOAA and DABA

UCONN Fundraising: Sue mentioned an idea about a Fund Raising party at the Innis Arden Cottage this summer. Rick mentioned that if it could be after the Park closes it could be nice. Fees would be charged for attendance.

PR Expansion: Devan said that she placed a "Save the Date" pic on Instagram for Experience the Sound.

Kelp/ Atlantic Clam Farms: Sue said that Ed Stilwagen received his permit and will be moving forward.

Update on Conservation Commission: Sue said that Pat Sesto is now the Director of Environmental Affairs and will be overseeing Conservation as well as Inland Wetlands and will be reporting to both the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Agency. Conservation now has two full time employees versus the previous staffing of one full-time and one part-time.

New Business: None

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Michael Long