



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

April 12, 2016

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Frank Cantelmo, Rick Kral, Jonathan Stone, Sarah Crosby

Absent: Bill Grempe, Joan Seguin

Guests: Michael Long, Ed Stilwagen, Jardar Nygaard

The meeting began at 5:37 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Bill Grempe was not in attendance.

Coordinator's Report: Jonathan reported that they had sampled 15 stations last week and the boat ran well.

Jardar Nygaard – Oyster Cages: Jardar said that he has one cage set aside with roughly 120 bushels of 4- 5" oysters in one of his cages from around Bluff Island. The meat testing for heavy metals came back satisfactory and the pesticide testing is pending. Roger asked the Commission as to where the oysters should be placed when they are ready. Roger mentioned the Greenwich Land Trust has some area that could be used but it will need to be assessed. After discussion it was decided that a meeting at low tide will be set up to determine placement sites.

Roger asked Sarah if she could track the oysters that are farmed as the reports come in from Jardar. She said she would. Jardar said that after the water reaches 50 degrees the depuration time is reduced to 14 days.

Ed Stilwagen: Ed reported that he has made 5 or 6 runs in the Mianus. He is waiting to hear from DABA regarding the required depuration time for oysters and clams. Ed stated that he would like to change the Mianus agreement because of the double harvesting of product that he performs (initial relocation and again after the required depuration time). Instead he would like to purchase the clams directly from the Shellfish Commission. He also mentioned the potential for farming another Town-owned bed. David Carey has approved this and an agreement will need to be written up for approval.

Recreational Shellfish Bed Conditions: Bill Cameron reported that sand blown across the causeway by Superstorm Sandy has created a change in the cove and provided new clamming areas. Overall the conditions are pretty good.

Shellfish Skiff: Roger noted that a shellfish skiff was found on Shell Island a couple months ago and we are waiting on approval from Parks and Recreation for a location to store it at Greenwich Point.

UCONN Laboratory @ Innis Arden Cottage: Roger is working on a date to set up a meeting.

Harbor Management Commission, Moorings in Shellfish Beds, Griffith Beds: Roger reported that the draft plan is moving along. Roger said he has approved the moorings for the Rocky Point Club with stipulations. Roger reported that the DEEP declined making a decision on the Griffith Beds.

Scholarship Funding: The Commission had authorized \$2500 for a scholarship for the Connecticut Science Fair. The Town cannot allocate the money with the information that has so far been provided. Roger said he has requested additional information from the High School and will proceed from there.

Experience the Sound: Roger had a new poster designed for the event. The Sound Waters Schooner will be there.

New Business: Sue mentioned that the Sound Waters Schooner will take people on an educational run at the end of April. Roger asked Jardar if the oyster cages could be used for scallops. Jardar said that he was not sure but would ask around.

The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:45PM.

Michael Long