



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

May 8, 2018 - Draft

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Jonathan Stone, Devan Shulby, Rick Kral, Joan Seguin, Bill Grempe

Absent: Sarah Crosby

1. April Meeting Minutes Approved

2. Treasurers report – W. Grempe advised that current account balance ca. \$350,000.00

Budget review. 2018/2019 – Commission reviewed the budget. After discussion R Kral made motion to increase A/C No. 201 to \$13,000.00 – Seconded by S Baker and full Commission “in favour”.

Reasoning: Additional funding likely required for promoting the UCONN/Greenwich partnership at short notice and funds should already be in the budget to be able to access them as needed.

Balance of budget approved

4. Clams spawn and set issue – Ed Stilwagen of Atlantic Clam Farms advised that 2017/2018 clam set was not good in CT waters including Greenwich. In addition, in Greenwich Cove the warm summer increased the growth of Gracilaria Seaweed in the Cove. The very cold, extended winter and ice in the winter killed the sea weed. The net result was a substantial carpet of dead seaweed that smothered a substantial part of the clam population in Greenwich Cove.

5. UCONN/Greenwich Partnership – Microplastics research in Greenwich waters. UCONN is moving forward on the project funding. They will keep the Commission updated on the Status.

6. Seed Oyster Permit for the Mianus River has been granted by DABA Milford and will commence May 9th. It will last for 10 days, 3 boats maximum.

7. NOAA – oyster farm project - NOAA advises they have not yet received the award but are hopeful to receive it during May.

8. Sole Source Oyster Greenwich Cove transplant proposal – still to be finished for presentation.

9. Weir documentary – awaiting final copy from John Motay

10. Recreational demo's – St Pauls and Girl Scouts – confirmed

11. Experience the Sound June 24th – Town approval confirmed

12. Summer Shellfishing Area C - Atlantic Clam Farms and Stellamar have been asked to stock these beds so we can advertise Summer recreational shellfishing

13. & 14 Awaiting news from DABA and NOAA

15. UCONN fundraising – working on various opportunities

16. Website, Facebook and Instagram all being expanded. Devan is working on this

17. Kelp/Atlantic Clam Farms kelp farm is confirmed as moving forward

There being no further business – meeting ended at 1845

Roger Bowgen