



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

May 10, 2016

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Bill Grempe, Joan Seguin, Jonathan Stone, Sarah Crosby

Absent: Frank Cantelmo, Rick Kral

Guests: Michael Long, Ed Stilwagen, Jardar Nygaard, Steve Schafer

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Bill Grempe said that the Commission has roughly \$275,000 between the two accounts.

Coordinator's Report: Kim Bruce spoke about the life jackets that are currently on the boat. The existing life jackets are not good to wear while performing the sampling on the boat; Kim thought a vest-type jacket would work better. Based on prices he has seen the vests run from \$30 to \$80. Sue Baker made a motion to purchase 4 of these life vests for use on the shellfish boat. The motion was seconded by Joan and all voted in favor of them. Kim also said that the existing flares on the boat have expired and will need to be replaced. From what he has seen the only additional item the boat could use is a bucket for bailing.

Kim said that depending on the amount of rain received this coming Friday they may perform sampling next week. Roger mentioned that the dye study that was planned this month on the sewage treatment plant has been postponed to the fall due to equipment problems.

Jardar Nygaard – Oyster Cages: Roger said that he is waiting for the Land Trust to identify the area they are interested in having oysters and then he will pursue obtaining the permit from Dave Carey. Other relocation spots would be in Area C on the south side of the park. Jardar and Sarah will map out potential locations.

Weir Project: Roger said the project is moving along. He will speak with Jeff Freidag about getting some shell to use for cultch. Roger would like to make sure the project is well documented. Sue suggested getting the baseline data of count, size and dates at the beginning. Roger will speak with the Kovens and outline the plan. Roger mentioned that this would be a good project for public relations.

Ed Stilwagen: Roger mentioned he will be speaking with Ed Stilwagen about a modification to the current agreement. Also, based on potentially favorable results on tests that are currently pending the depuration time could be lowered from 60 to 45 days. Ed Stilwagen's contract has been expanded to the Town shellfish bed off of Greenwich Harbor and approved by the Aquaculture division.

Shellfish Skiff: Roger reported that the skiff will be moved to Greenwich Point and stored near the OGYC. It could be used by the UConn folks or others to check on the beds.

Recreational Shellfish Bed Conditions: Roger reported that Recreational Areas A and B were closed for the season today based on the number of boats moored in the Cove.

UConn Laboratory @ Innis Arden Cottage: Roger is hoping to meet with UCONN next week and work on a Memorandum of Understanding.

Harbor Management Commission: Sue reported that the Commission has a new chairman, Bruce Angiolillo. The plan draft is still in the review stage, when completed it will be sent to the CT DEEP for approval.

Experience the Sound: Roger had a new poster designed for the event and will be ready tonight. Roger sent the letter out to all past participants. There will be a number of boats at the yacht club dock – Shellfish, Marine Police, Sound Waters, Jardar’s and Ed Stilwagen’s.

New Business: Roger mentioned that this year’s Fedorko Boating Safety Day will be held on Sunday June 5, 2016 and they will be having a walk around the Point followed by a boating safety talk. Sue Baker mentioned that Save the Sound has sent out a mass email generalizing bad swimming water quality in the area – Westchester County and Greenwich – based on testing they conducted. Roger will forward the email to the Commission. Sue mentioned that the Bruce Museum will be hosting a Science Fair night on June 2, 2016.

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:35PM.

Michael Long