



MINUTES OF SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING

May 14, 2019

Present: Roger Bowgen, Sue Baker, Joan Seguin, Devan Shulby, Bill Grempe, Jonathan Stone

Guests: Ed Stilwagen, Jardar Nygaard, Michael Long

Absent: Bill Cameron, Rick Kral

Minutes of April 9, 2019 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Grempe reported that the Commission has roughly \$350,000.

Coordinators report: Jon reported that they will be sampling tomorrow – a full run. Alissa from DABA will try to come down to train people for water sampling when she has time. Roger said that the couple applicants for the Shellfish Coordinator position have little or no experience boating. Devan suggested changing the name of the position to Shellfish Boat Captain. Michael will see if this can be done.

Shellfish Demos: Sue said that the outing on May 10 went well even though the weather wasn't great. Jon suggested getting more garden forks to use. The demo with the Girl Scouts will be on May 30 at 3:30 pm.

UCONN Partnership: UCONN's fundraising event is scheduled for May 29, 2019 at the Innis Arden Cottage.

Fedorko Event: Roger mentioned that on May 18, 2019 the Emily Fedorko Foundation will be holding a benefit at the Arch Street Teen Center from 7 pm to 11 pm.

NOAA: Roger said that the NOAA group went on the boat with Steve Kinner and took water samples and tested out their drop camera. They are looking to go out again at the end of May.

Oyster Gardens: Joan scanned the article that Chris Coccaro had forwarded. Basically people foster oyster spat in water off their properties and then return them after about a year and get another batch to foster. Sue didn't think we could get many people to participate since it's limited to those on the water. She suggested getting the schools involved as an option.

Upwellers: Roger asked about whether setting up upwellers at the Old Greenwich Yacht Club was of interest. He has already received permission from the Parks and Rec office. Roger needs to speak with John Pinkowski to see what equipment he has. Jardar mentioned that Soundwaters has a setup at his location in Stamford and it needs a good amount of maintenance from June through October.

Stella Mar proposal for oyster movement: Jardar said that all oyster and clam boats have GPS monitoring equipment on them now – Aquaculture can see where all the licensed clam and oyster boats are located. Roger will ask DABA if the commission can have access to the information. Sue Baker mentioned that all the oysters are disappearing from Sand Island and she suspects they are being harvested by someone. She thought maybe a camera mounted on the Chimes building when it gets renovated could help see what is happening. Jardar said that he owes the Commission oysters. Roger said that the area where a new rowing club is going to see if a relocation of oysters is worthwhile.

Billion Oyster Project/Shellfish Commission Education Project: Joan mentioned that they will be doing a Monday

Science Camp in the summer using students as camp counselors. Sue mentioned that the Billion Oyster Project is interested in bringing a program into the Greenwich Schools.

Experience the Sound: Permits are being done for the exhibitors. Roger will verify attendance of the exhibitors. Posters were handed out to distribute around town.

PR expansion: Roger mentioned that Chris Coccaro had made some improvements to the Experience the Sound website.

Wardens: Bill Cameron not here.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Michael Long