Town of Greenwich
Shellfish Commission Meeting

June 14, 2016

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Sue Baker, Bill Cameron, Bill Gremp, Joan Seguin, Jonathan Stone

Absent: Frank Cantelmo, Rick Kral, Sarah Crosby

Guests: Michael Long, Kim Bruce, Jardar Nygaard

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Bill Gremp said that the Commission has roughly $83,000 in the Operations account.

Coordinator's Report: Kim reported that he could not take samples last week but is scheduled to take samples tomorrow. Kim went over the sampling stations and sampling protocol. The sampling window is one and a half hours after high tide to one and a half hours after low tide. Sampling needs to be coordinated with the Aquaculture Laboratory to make sure they are able to handle the number of samples. Kim said the new life jackets donated by Ed Stilwagen work out well.

Roger said that Gary Wikfors (NOAA) is looking to do some more sampling for their project and they will be in attendance for Experience the Sound.

UCONN Laboratory @ Innis Arden Cottage: Roger reported that the agreement was signed off on by a Vice President of Research and a Dean at UCONN. A basic agreement is being drawn up and this may be complete by the first week of July. Roger said that the Director of the Stamford Campus, Terence Change, will be visiting the Innis Arden Cottage on July 23rd, at 4:30pm.

Experience the Sound: Roger had ads placed with the Greenwich Time and the Cos Cob Sentinel. Roger will send out a list of the attendees and will need assistance with the setup on the day of the event. Roger mentioned that the Fedorko Boating Safety event was well attended with about 450 people attending.

Jardar Nygaard – Oyster Cages: Jardar said that he plans to place cultch in the area of the Land Trust property. He has not yet determined a date (possibly June 21 or 22). Jardar was thinking of placing about 20 to 50 bushels of oysters there. Jardar also plans to place oysters on the south side of Greenwich Point (map approved by Aquaculture handed out). Jardar was thinking of placing them at the limit of the low tide line and higher. He will determine the dates for this and the number of oysters to be placed. Jardar informed everyone that his shellfish company is now called “Stellamar”.

Ed Stilwagen: Roger mentioned that the new bed that Ed Stilwagen will be farming clams in will be added to the Mianus River Agreement.

Weir Project: Roger needs to speak with Jamie Koven

Shellfish Skiff: The skiff is now located near the dockmaster’s office on Greenwich Point. Kim will take a look at it for a potential motor.
New Business: Roger announced that Frank Cantelmo has resigned from the Commission since he has moved down south. Roger asked that members think of potential candidates for the position. He mentioned that someone with good experience in social media would be a benefit to the Commission.

The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:10PM.

Michael Long