



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

October 9, 2018

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

Guests: Michael Long, Jardar Nygaard (StellaMar)

Absent: Bill Grempp

The meeting began at 5:38 pm.

1. Minutes – The September 11, 2018 meeting minutes were approved unanimously
2. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Grempp was not here.
3. Shellfish Coordinator Report – Jonathan sampled yesterday with Jardar and will sample again tomorrow. Samples have been taken over the past couple of weeks to reopen beds but the rains have kept them closed. Joan asked if the Commission could get copies of the sample results.
4. Clams – Roger mentioned that Ed Stilwagen reported seeing thousands of tiny clams in the water everywhere. Jardar said that there is a good oyster set this year.
5. UCONN Microplastics Study – Joan said that UCONN sent an email on the progress of the study. Water sampling was completed in September. They had said there was no visual evidence of microplastics. Testing of the water samples will be performed followed by testing of meat samples and then testing of sediment samples.
6. NOAA Research Vessel – Roger reported that sampling was conducted throughout Greenwich waters over a 5-day period last week, initial results are anticipated at the end of the first quarter in 2019.
7. NOAA farm project – Joan reported that NOAA is currently working on hiring a biologist for the study. Jardar said that NOAA will be contacting him when they are ready to go.
8. Oysters in Greenwich Cove – Roger will work on contract and submit to Peter Tesei for approval.
9. Documentary – Roger mentioned that John Motay wanted to speak with Sue about content before finalizing. Sue said she will call him and ask him to submit his invoice as well. Jardar suggested that John get a follow-up shot of the weir since the oyster set is so good this year.
10. Recreational Shellfishing – Looking to hold a demonstration on November 4, 2018 along with the First Sunday Science at the cottage. Roger mentioned that the Commission will also need to maintain the touch tank over the winter period. Roger said that he and Joan attended the Hawkwatch event at the Audubon in September along with the Skip the Straw event this past weekend at the cottage.
11. Experience the Sound 2019 – The date is tentatively June 23, 2019. Roger and Sue will see if something can be done regarding the insurance requirement for the vendors.

12. Byram River Pollution project – Roger said this project is at a standstill at the moment.
13. UCONN fundraising – Sue said the fundraiser they were looking to have in November has been moved to the spring to allow for more time to plan.
14. Alternates/PR Expansion – Roger mentioned that he has inquired of Peter Tesei whether the Commission could get approval for alternate members to avoid meetings without quorums but has not heard back. Roger thought having an alternate that could handle promotion of the program would be beneficial. Rick suggested looking at the bylaws for the Commission to see how the change needs to be made. Michael Long will look to see if he can find something.
15. Wardens – Bill is working on weekend assignments and should have a schedule together by the next meeting. Devan will update the warden flyer to get word out on the need for volunteers.
16. New Business – None

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Michael Long