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

Absent: Rick Kral

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

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Roger introduced Michael Jachimczyk, a member of the Stamford Shellfish Commission, who is sitting in on the meeting to see what the Commission is doing. Michael Jachimczyk said that they sell about 30 to 40 permits a year and would like to increase that number.

Treasurer: No report – Bill did not get the latest numbers from Michael Long.

Coordinator's Report: Jonathan said they had done a full run of sampling last week. Jay’s wife Rosemary (a shellfish warden) has offered to assist on the boat as needed.

Roger reported that Sue Baker had come across people taking oysters without permits at Greenwich Point. Sue said there was a language issue but they had returned the oysters to the water. Bill Cameron said that he had come across some people taking shellfish near the Mill Pond outfall in Cos Cob. He said there was a language problem here as well but that they had returned them to the water. Roger suggested getting in touch with Aquaculture to get more signage to post. Also the potential of having wardens around during the week could help.

UCONN agreement: Roger reported that the press release went out last week. He would like to get the word out to the schools, politicians and other groups. Next he would like to set up a meeting with UCONN. In the next couple of weeks the second floor of the Innis Arden cottage will be cleaned out.

NOAA update: Roger reported that they will be doing one last run to complete their study and the write up will probably take about six months. After that they said they may consider doing another project with Greenwich.

Milford Lab Open House: Roger reminded everyone that the NOAA lab open house is this coming Saturday (10/15/2016).

Billion Oyster Project: Sue said that the New York Harbor School is growing oysters on reefs and placing them in various areas of the harbor. They are interested in doing something with Greenwich and are looking to meet in early November to discuss ideas.

Weir Project: Sarah reported that they had looked at the weir and got baseline data on the various populations of organisms currently in the weir. She said that John Motay did some filming but they are ready for the next step. Jardar said that he needs to work out the logistics of bringing in cultch but would like to bring in oysters from the area of Chimney Corners.
**Student Request from Newark:** Roger mentioned that he had received an email from Gina Gould. Students are looking to do an oyster restoration project in Newark Harbor and would like to meet with members and talk with the shellfishermen to obtain information. They are looking to come down on October 29, 2016.

**First Sunday Science:** Roger said that on November 6, 2016 since the tides will not be good for a shellfish demonstration he would like to promote the UCONN project and the weir project. He will work on an agenda.

**Jardar Nygaard – Oyster Cages:** Jardar reported that he has 3 cages of oysters. He can place them near Greenwich Island and in the flats near Sand Island. Jardar informed everyone that Rhode Island and Massachusetts have closed shellfish beds due to a harmful algae bloom.

**Wardens:** Bill Cameron put together a schedule for mid-November through January. He has 9 active wardens. Roger said that he is working on getting a flyer made up to get more people interested in participating. Roger asked for thoughts on having Junior Wardens, Boy Scouts, or schools that do require students to do community service. Steve mentioned that going with students could be an issue due to maturity level. Sue suggested having them accompany an adult warden.

**Harbor Management Commission:** Sue said that the Commission is looking to shorten the length of the plan down to around 100 pages; they are also working in the CT DEEP comments.

**Ed Stilwagen:** Ed said that he will place clams near the Chimes building when he is farming in the Cove.

**New Business:** None

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2016 instead of November 8 (Election Day) at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:30PM.

Michael Long