



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

November 13, 2018 - Draft

Present: Roger Bowgen Chairman, Bill Grempe, Bill Cameron, Jonathan Stone, Chris Coccaro, Joan Seguin, Rick Kral

Guests: Michael Long, Jardar Nygaard (StellaMar), Jay Louden, Jason Kaufman (DPW Engineering), John Pinkowski, Jeri Pinkowski

Absent: Sue Baker, Devan Shulby

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

1. Minutes – The October 9, 2018 meeting minutes were approved unanimously
2. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Grempe said the Commission has about \$350,000 in the receipt account.
3. Shellfish Coordinator Report – Jay reported that they had done a small sampling run yesterday. Roger handed out a map of sampling sites that Kristin at Aquaculture put together. Jay said the map clarifies the sites and their classifications. Jay said he received a report of people clamming near the Chimes building (the beds have not been open yet). Jay mentioned that he thought the job title should be changed from Shellfish Coordinator to Boat Captain to better represent the position. Roger said that he will be meeting with Steve Kinner tomorrow about the open position.
4. Clams/Oysters – Roger noted that there is a large oyster set on the beach side of Greenwich Point among the rocks. He said that Ed Stilwagen had placed clams along the shore in the cove. Jardar said that he could work on getting some oysters to the weir site.
5. Bruce Park Bridge Repairs – Jason Kaufman from the Engineering Division of Public Works spoke about the project. The project will be done in two phases, the first being the installation of a pedestrian bridge with construction starting in 2019 and the second being the repair of the bridge with construction starting in 2020. The pedestrian bridge would not have any support structure in the pond. Chris asked about the dewatering of the excavations and Jason told him that it would be in the contract that they would need to filter the water to avoid siltation of the waterbody.
6. UCONN Partnership – Roger mentioned that UCONN will be meeting on November 19, 2018 to discuss their fundraising plans for the Innis Arden Cottage Lab.
7. NOAA Research Vessel – Roger reported that the sampling conducted was very successful and preliminary results should be available in the first quarter of 2019.
8. NOAA farm project – Jardar said that he has not heard any news from NOAA on starting.
9. Sole Source proposal for Oyster movement in Greenwich Cove – Roger is still working on the contract.
10. Documentary – Joan said that the documentary could use some tweaking but would like to view it again to provide better feedback.

11. Recreational Shellfishing – The demonstration held on November 4th went well, some good oyster set was seen in the spartina grass.
12. Experience the Sound 2019 – The date is tentatively June 23, 2019. Roger has inquired about improving the process for vendors and has not heard back.
13. PR Expansion – Chris said he knows someone that may be able to help. Roger asked if she could present some ideas to the Commission. Chris said that he created a Google folder for shellfish documents.
14. Wardens – Bill completed the warden schedule through May 2019. Roger mentioned that shellfish permits can no longer be sold by the Sportsman’s Den due to a town wide crackdown on the way money is handled. Michael Long will look into the possibility of online permits similar to how Parks and Recreation handle the Beach cards.
15. New Business – None

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Michael Long