



Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting

November 14, 2017

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

Absent: Rick Kral, Bill Grempp,

Guests: Michael Long, Kim Bruce

The meeting began at 5:33 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: No Treasurer's Report

Coordinator's Report: Kim reported that they will be conducting a full run of water samples and Jay will be collecting some meat samples. Over the past weekend boats were taken out of the cove and there are now less than 15 still moored. Kim will arrange with Beacon Point to schedule the annual maintenance and get the seat on the boat fixed.

DABA meeting: Roger said that Dave Carey from Aquaculture wants to meet with the Commission about shellfishing ideas.

UCONN Fund raising: Roger handed out the UCONN Foundation's brochure for the partnership and fundraising. Roger and Denise are meeting with Peter Tesei tomorrow to get his approval. A letter has been drafted that will be sent out asking for donations to the Foundation.

Jardar Nygaard: Jardar mentioned a project he is looking to conduct - an oyster study comparing oyster set in two different areas after one area is cleared. Roger said that Mike Willig from UCONN can come down to meet, Roger will work on a date.

NOAA New Project: Jardar said that NOAA is looking to do a base farm oyster project in the designated research area in the Cove. They are waiting to hear on a grant and may have an answer by the end of the year.

Mianus River: Jardar said there are a lot of oysters along the banks of the river. Roger asked whether the Commission should consider moving them to other areas. Roger asked for ideas on where they could be moved.

DABA dye study: Roger said that the results from the dye study will not be complete until the first quarter of next year. Roger will ask Dave Carey about the results of the testing that was done with UCONN and what that will mean for the shellfishing.

Weir project: Roger and Sue met with John Motay, the project is finished and he just needs to interview a couple more people and then edit the film.

Recreational Shellfishing: Roger reported that they did not have a great showing for the demonstration this past weekend, the notice did not get into the paper.

Experience the Sound 2018: Roger is looking for more ideas on what to do with the event to make it more kid friendly. Ideas were suggested – archery, animal embassy, fishing, scavenger hunt, seining.

Documentary: Roger said that COSMO Production's quote was close to \$100,000.

Shells from Restaurants: Roger determined that this would not be a feasible idea.

Innis Arden Cottage: Roger reported that the second floor clean-up at the cottage still needs to happen before the spring UCONN will be able to use the space.

New Business: None

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Josephine Evaristo Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Michael Long