

## **Branford Shellfish Commission**

Established 1987

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Town of Branford, CT

Date: **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**  
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center  
Time: 5:00 PM

#### **1. Attendance**

1.1 Chairman A.Pulcinella, R. Stoecker, R.Zettergren, J. Jones, D.Steinhardt

1.2 M.Hallier - Absent

1.3 Others – Ben Goetsch, Mike Bartlett

#### **2. Call to Order**

2.1 The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. Chairman Pulcinella introduced a new member to serve on the Commission Edward Fay

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1 R. Zettergren made a motion to approve the minutes of January 09, 2018, seconded by David Steinhardt, unanimously approved.

#### **4. Public Forum**

4.1 Ben Goetsch asked if there was any report of action from the Town Attorney on lease jurisdiction for Mr. Goetsch shellfish application.

#### **5. Communications with Bills.**

5.1 D. Steinhardt sought return envelopes (bills) checks or options to renew their leases in mail slots.

5.2 Midstate - natural seed oyster permit for 2018 signed on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 with a check for \$160.00 and number of employee's. The permit copy is kept on the boat.

#### **6. Permit Activity**

6.1 None. General discussion on lease process for town and state jurisdiction on natural beds and co-management agreements, and general health and location of leased shellfish beds.

## **7. Budget Report**

7.1 Shellfish Budget balance was reported at 233,903.83. Discussed issues concerning increasing public relations on the importance of shellfishing with local residents

## **8. Enforcement Report**

8.1 None

## **9 New Dock Applications**

9.1 None

## **10. Old Business**

10.1 Chris Walston 5 year lease on lot 562 was signed with current member signatures and will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval. The executed lease was for Chris Walston (C.W Shellfish).

10.2 Discussion of an amendment for active 5 year lease agreements currently in force. The available leases were discussed and review and lease agreement process was discussed. Motion to add an amendment to all existing and future 5 year lease arrangements for the 500 series shellfish beds to allow the lessor the right to have an option to renew said lease for one successive 5-year period by giving the Branford Shellfish Commission notice in writing of their intention to renew at least 60 days prior to the expiration of their lease. Not to exceed a total of 10 years from the date of the original lease. D. Steinhardt made a motion to approve the amendment J..Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

10.3 Ben Goetsch noted that he has not heard back from Town Council regarding his proposed lease. A Pulcinella reiterated instructions from the Town Council Mike Cretella not to act on any leases until the matter of jurisdiction/ownership is resolved.

## **11 - New Business**

11.1 The CTDEEP Permit Form Attachment D for the Averill Place Drainage Easement. The Town of Branford Averill Place Drainage Project was reviewed and signed off as not having any negative affect on shellfish beds. D. Stienhardt made a motion to approve the project, J. Jones seconded the motion that the project would not have any detrimental impact on the shellfish beds and the approval was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:40

R.H. Stoecker  
Acting Secretary BSC