

Branford Shellfish Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Town of Branford, CT

Date: **Tuesday, June 12,, 2018**
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center
Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance

1.1 Chairman A.Pulcinella, R. Stoecker, D.Steinhardt, , Jay Jones, .
Ed Fay, R. Zettergren,

M. Hallier - absent.

1.2 Others – Ben Goetsch, John Lust, J. Pagnataro

2. Call to Order

2.1 The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 D. Steinhardt made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of May 9, seconded by J. Jones and unanimously approved.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Discussion of Attorney Fishbein letter concerning oystering activities in Jarvis Creek area. Attorney Fishbein is representing the NF& W Cooke family Partnership and Cooke/Harrison Trust. The letter expressed concern over environmental impact of commercial activities in the Jarvis Creek area.

4.2 CTDEEP – Notice to waive public hearing for removal of derelict structures, and installation of a new dock located at 30 McKinnel Court. The Commission found no significant issues of concern.

4.3 CTDEEP - Copy of License for #3 and #4 Big Curtis Island (aka Bear Island.)
Project includes the removal of existing wood pier and extending pre-1934 dock. No action from the Commission required.

4.4 US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Public Notice request for comments for the proposed permit application (Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for

Brendan Smith. The Commission discussed the Public Notice with operational input from Jill Pegnatro representing Thimble Island Oyster Company C/O Brendan Smith. Ben Goetsch posed various questions raising concern over tide fluctuations, launching of boats and erosion concerns on the banks of the Jarvis Creek. The project was tabled. (See New Business)

5. Communications & Bills- *None (See Above)*

6. Permit Activity

6.1 Richard Stoecker listed the permit activity for the past month.

Shellfish Permits

March

Annual Resident –	16 @ \$5.00 =	\$80.00
Annual Non-Resident-	0	
Senior -	19 @ \$0 =	\$0
Daily-	0	
TOTAL	35	\$80.00

7. Budget Report

7.1 *None*

8. Enforcement Report

8.1 *None*

9 **New Dock Applications** – John Lust was present acting as Permitting Agent for the following two dock applications.

9.1 51 Harbor Street – An application for a 240 foot raised walkway over marsh extending to an existing wooden dock was presented. The Commission reviewed the application and signed the required form from CTDEEP indicating that the proposed project would not detrimentally impact shellfish. The signed CTDEEP form was submitted to Mr. Lust.

9.2 61 Sunset Beach Road – An application was presented for a project involving the construction of a new seasonal dock, ramp and floating dock. The Commission discussed the project in depth and signed the required form from CTDEEP indicating that the proposed project would not detrimentally impact shellfish. The commission conditioned the approval on reducing the number of poles sunk into substrate from 14 to 12 to help reduce any impact to shellfish. The CTDEEP form was signed and submitted to Mr. Lust.

10. Old Business

10.1 Continuation Discussion of leasing of shellfish grounds through co-management permitting arrangements.

11. - New Business

11.1 Jay Jones noted that he had spoken with Chris Walston and the availability of clams for stocking the public shellfish beds. A tentative date was scheduled pending coordination of boat, Commissioners and weather of Saturday, June 30,

11.2 A motion was made to table the Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice for project work in Jarvis Creek from Thimble Island Oyster Company C/O Brendan Smith. An action item will be presented to the Commissioner's at the next meeting prepared by the Commission Chair with key items listed to review and determine whether any comments will be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers.

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Steinhardt, seconded by E. Fay and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

R.H. Stoecker, Secretary BSC