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Branford Shellfish Commission
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MEETING MINUTES
Town of Branford, CT

Date: **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center
Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance

1.1 Chairman A.Pulcinella, R. Stoecker, M. Hallier, Ed Fay, R. Zettergren,

D. Stienhardt, Jay Jones - absent.

1.2 Others – B. Goetsch,, J. Pegnataro, J. Fox

2. Call to Order

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 M. Hallier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. R. Zettergren seconded the motion which unanimously approved. 5-0

4. Public Forum

5. Ben Goetsch noted that there was an e-mail shared concerning a field walk to the point of Jarvis Creek from Corey Rose of the Army Corps of Engineers on Friday June 8, 2018 for any Commissioners interested in participating. A. Pulcinella stated he previously toured the site for three (3) hours with Jay Medlyn and is aware of all pertinent issues. J.Fox noted the site visit was well attended and informative.

6. Communications & Bills-

6.1 A bill for \$1,232.00 was received by Kelseys Boat Yard M. Hallier noted that the reason the bill was higher than usual was that the boat was completely detailed to insure longevity. A boat lock was purchased for the trailer. The boat is in good condition and located at Bruce & Johnsons East at slip E. R. Zettergren made a motion to pay the bill to Kelsey's Boatyard for \$1,232.00 in full, E. Fay seconded the motion that was unanimously approved. 5-0.

5.2 The Commission received a letter from Brendan Smith, seeking to renew the Jarvis Creek Special Co-Management Agreement for another 2 years. The letter to renew the Co-Management Agreement was read into the record. Questions were raised about accurate water depths in the creek, concern of winter freezes, and apparatus for aquaculture. Discussion of requirements of Co-Management Agreements took place. Chairman. Pulcinella discussed the review requirements and roles of the Branford Shellfish Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Commission sought accurate depths for the operations. B. Goetsch sought an original signed copy of the co-management agreement be made available.

7. Permit Activity

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

Shellfish Permits

June

Annual Resident –	21 @ \$5.00 =	\$105.00
Annual Non-Resident-	0	
Senior -	19 @ \$0 =	\$0
Daily-	2 @ \$10.00 =	\$20.00
TOTAL	42	\$80.00

8. Budget Report

7.1 *None*

9. Enforcement Report

9.1 An enforcement report was delivered by M. Hallier stating that there were many people spotted for illegal shell fishing due to favorable tides. M. Hallier noted that a buoy should be placed in the water since most people enter the clam beds by boats. An anchored buoy from rocks will further notify people of no shell fishing in the Short Beach waters.

9 New Dock Applications – None

10. Old Business

10.1 Continuation of discussion of the Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice for approval of the Thimble Island Oyster Company C/O Brendan Smith. Comments are expected to be submitted to Ms. Cori M. Rose of the Army Corps of Engineers even though the public comment period has closed (May 17, 2018). Approval for the Jarvis Creek Co-Management Agreement position was discussed by the Shellfish Commission including the Shellfish Commission scope and jurisdiction and the leasing of shellfish grounds through co-management permitting arrangements. A letter will be submitted

to the Army Corps of Engineers stating that the Commission in principal were in favor of the Smith application and endorses the Jarvis Creek Project.

11. - **New Business**

- 11.1 Restocking of the clams is scheduled for July 14, 2018. Jay Jones and M. Hallier will coordinate the stocking of the clams with the Commission members and Chris Walston., The Commission boat will be used for restocking of shellfish beds.
- 11.2 B. Goetsch suggested that the Commission update the current Shellfish Management Plan. Chairman Pulcinnella noted that the Management Plan is included as part of the Town Annual Report. B. Goetsch also noted that Tessa Getchis (UCONN - SEAGRANT) and David Cary, (CT Department of Agriculture/ Bureau of Aquaculture are working on a new Model Shellfish Management Plan for the State of Connecticut for adoption by towns pertaining to permitting for aquaculture gear.

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Hallier and seconded by E. Fay. and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

R.H. Stoecker, Secretary BSC