

# **Branford Shellfish Commission**

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## **AGENDA**

Town of Branford, CT

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: **Tuesday, August 8, 2017**  
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Rd., Branford CT  
Time: 5:00 PM

#### **1. Attendance**

1.1 Commission Members Present: A. Pulcinella, M. Hallier, D. Steinhardt, R. Stoecker, R. Zettergren.

1.2 Commission Members Missing: R. Lillquist

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

2.1 Chairman A. Pulcinella called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

3.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 11<sup>th</sup> with noted corrections by M. Hallier, seconded by R. Zettergren and unanimously approved.

#### **4. Public Forum - None**

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

5.1 Two bills from From Brewer Bruce & Johnsons Marina were reviewed. One invoice was for commissioning of the boat which totaled \$1,285.52 for maintenance of the engine. The other invoice was for painting of the bottom which totaled \$689.62. M. Hallier made a motion to pay the two bills/invoices submitted by Brewer Bruce and Johnsons. R. Zettergren seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

5.2 Chairman Pulcinella noted that Town Council notified him that the Dan Snyder lawsuit been reopened and the Chairman will be in contact with the Town Council to go over the details of the case.

#### **6. Correspondence - None**

7. **Permit Activity** – R. Stoecker reported that the shellfish permits recorded for the month of June were tabulated. There were 58 permits issued in June 2017 which brought in

\$380.00. The shellfish permits issued for the month of July were also tabulated. There were 52 permits issued for the month of July 2017 which brought in \$290.00

8. **Budget Report** – *None submitted*

9. **Enforcement Report** - M. Hallier stopped 3 people without permits off Killiams Point.

10. **New Dock Applications** – None

11. **Old Business** –

11.1 The Commission discussed scheduling stocking the clam beds with top neck clams over the next few weeks. The Commission would contract with Dolan Brothers (Patty King) for 40 bags of top neck Dolan Brothers at \$45 dollars a bag. The date was confirmed with Patty King for stocking on Saturday August 26, 2017 10:00 A.M

12. **New Business** –

12.1 Chairman Pulcinella discussed the need for a Boat manager for the Branford Shellfish Commission. He noted that Marty Hallier would be the logical choice for the position of boat manager. Mr. Hallier accepted the role of Boat Manager. D. Steinhardt made a motion to make Marty Hallier the Boat Manager for the BSC.

12.2 Ben Goetsch presented a new application to lease grounds previously granted to others for approximately 10.5 acres in and around High Island, Kidds Island and Kidd's Cove. Mr. Goetsch presented a lease request for certain portions of lots 285 and 286 on an attached map. Red Rock Oyster Co. LLC seeks to permit oyster cages and/or similar gear for the rearing of shellfish in addition to traditional cultivation techniques. Mr. Goetsch also submitted an opinion letter from attorney Wesley Horton concerning the Lang/ State of Connecticut grant which stated that Attorney Horton believed the shellfish bed leases revert back to the Town not the State of Connecticut. After discussion Chairman Pulcinella sought to table the matter to seek Town Council opinion.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

R. Stoecker  
Acting Secretary BSC