

**Branford Shellfish Commission**  
Established 1987  
Town of Branford, CT  
MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Street., Branford, CT  
Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: M.Hallier, R. Zettenger, D. Steinhardt, E. Fay, R. Stoecker

Others Present: Spencer Bartels and Amy Bartels, Ben Goetsh, Jill Pagnataro

2. Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Pulcinella, Marty Hallier acted as Chairman for the meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes  
Ed Fay made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018, R.Zettergren seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.
4. Public Forum – Spencer Bartels and Amy Bartels were interested in leasing shellfish beds for kelp harvesting. Mr. Bartels spoke with Tony who was not in attendance tonight. It was suggested that they follow up with the Commission. They were informed of the steps with the local Commission, Town Clerk (Blue Book) and Department of Aquaculture. They were interested in 20 acres. The Bartels were advised to review shellfish beds that are available, locations, and find the best fit for operations. The cost for the lease is set at \$50.00/acre. Once the available beds are identified, you will contact the Commission to be put on the Agenda for the Shellfish Commission and present for formal lease arrangement prior to application to the Department of Aquaculture. It was suggested that once the lease beds are identified, to informally speak with the Department of Aquaculture. The Bartels were also advised that it may take up to six months to move through the process.
5. Communications with Bills
  - 5.1 A letter from Nicholas Pastore was read into the record. The letter stated that on April 20, 2017 he had leased shellfish lot 551 at \$50 per acre for a total of \$1,230. Life circumstance now require him to stop paying the annual lease amount. He understands that the leases have a 5-year length. He asks the Shellfish Commission to nullify his lease for Lot 551. The Commission will decide on the legal ramifications of the request.
  - 5.2 Letter from Brendan Smith seeking to renew the Jarvis Creek Co-Management Agreement made between him, the Branford Shellfish Commission and Christopher Walston (d/b/a/C.W. Walston). The Branford Shellfish Commission granted an

access permit and license to the bottomland within Jarvis Creek. He now seeks to renew the co-management agreement.

- 5.3 Copy of a Letter from CTDEP Director of land & Water Resources Division Brian Thompson to Mr. Brendan Smith dated July 09, 2018 concerning Aquaculture FCC application #201805657 Jarvis Creek, North of the tide gate. The letter states that based on the CTDEEP Land & Water Resources Division review of this information and the exemption criteria for aquaculture related activities as identified in CGS #22-11h(c) the Division will not require permits for the activity. The letter was discussed.
- 5.4 Copy of a letter from CTDEEP concerning license approval pursuant to a replacement dock application for 30 McKinnel Court submitted on January 4, 2018. The CTDEEP License # 201800178 – SDFTW license, for a dock application for 30 McKinnel Court was included with detailed information on the application including all conditions and terms of the license. The letter was reviewed by Commission.

6. Permit Activity – 45 permits were sold residents \$195.00

7. Budget Report – N/A

8. Enforcement Report - R. Zettergen, Ed Fay noted that most of the shellfishermen were just not displaying their permit. M. Hallier noted the B & G. vessel out of Milford working Lot 10 off Short Beach was spotted inside the lease line. Marty contacted the CTDEEP who transferred the incident to CT. Department of Aquaculture for a final decision. Discussion of vessel monitoring system as part of the new license requirements for Shellfish relay activities took place.

9. New Dock Applications – None

10. Old Business – None

11. New Business - None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

R.H. Stoecker  
Acting Secretary BSC