

Branford Shellfish Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Town of Branford, CT

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Date: Tuesday, September 12, 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, Jay Jones.

1.2 Commission Member Missing: R. Lilliquist

2. Call to Order

2.1 Chairman A. Pulcinella called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Chairman Pulcinella welcomed the new member Jay Jones

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 08, 2017 by M..Hallier, seconded by R. Zettergren and unanimously approved.

4. Public Forum

None

5. Communications with Bills

None

6. Correspondence

Correspondence letters from Attorney Mike Cretella to Ben Goetsch stating that he had not had an opportunity to review materials and given the issue is under review by Town Council, he has advised the Branford Shellfish Commission to postpone taking any action on Ben Goetsch applications until legal review is completed.

7. Permit Activity

R. Stoecker noted that there were 27 permits distributed in the month of August Shellfish Permits – Month of August

DAILY PERMITS	4 @ \$10 per permit =	\$40.00
SENIOR PERMITS	9 @ \$0 =	\$0.00
ANNUAL	12 @ \$5.00 =	\$60.00
ANNUAL (NON-RES)	2 @ \$50.00 =	\$100.00
TOTAL	27 Permits	\$200.00

8. Budget Report

None

9. Enforcement Report

M..Hallier confronted a few shellfish boaters without licenses in Short Beach.

10. New Dock Applications

10.1 – Jim Wickham permitting agent presented an application for 30 Mckinnel Court. The project includes an existing pier on property adjacent to the State Boat Launch. They are improving the property by elevating the pier. The pier will only extend two feet more into the river at 159 feet were the existing pier is 157 feet. A motion by to sign the CTDEEP form stating no detrimental affects to any shellfish beds was made by M.H. and seconded by R. Stoecker and unanimously approved. The form was signed and distributed back to the applicants agent.

10.2 Jim Wickam permitting agent for Fritz Eidenreich and Diana Baxter for two parcels off Bear Island. The project entails adding a ramp and float to an existing pier (40') with piles at the dock. The jurisdiction of the shellfish beds are in question. The presented CTDEEP form needs to be corrected. A motion was made to table the project sign off until the CTDEEP form is corrected by D. Steinhardt and seconded by M. Hallier. The motion was unanimously approved

11. Old Business

Discussion of the Natural Oyster Ground Annual Seed Harvesting Permit Form took place . The commission discussed the form with those in attendance . The suggested changes to the form included the following items;

- Corrected language USDA CT. Dept of Aquaculture
- Area #2 Farm River natural Oyster Bed change Short beach Road to Shore Drive
- Employee #5
- Add CGS-215 after CGS 26-232

Motion to accept the form with noted changes was made by D. Steinhardt, seconded by M. Hallier and unanimously approved

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Minutes prepared by R. Stoecker - Acting Secretary BSC