

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Branford, CT

Date: Tuesday, **December 12, 2017**
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Rd.
Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance

1.1 – Chairman A. Pulcinella, M. Hallier, R. Stoecker, R. Zettergren, R. Lilliquist

1.2 Missing – D. Steinhardt, J. Jakes

2. Call to Order

2.1 – Meeting called to order by Chairman Pulcinella at 5:00 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 - November 14, 2017 Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Lilliquist, seconded by R. Zettergren and unanimously approved.

4. Public Forum

5. Communications with Bills

5.1- Invoice from Kelcey's Boat Yard was reviewed, work included hauling boat from Marina, powerwash bottom and winterize motor, shrinkwrap boat and moved to Public Works. R. Stoecker made a motion to approve paying the bill, R.Zettergren seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5.2 - Invoice from K & G graphics for \$460.00 was reviewed for green 2018 permits. R. Stoecker made a motion to approve paying the bill, R.Zettergren seconded the motion which passed unanimously

6. Permit Activity

6.1 – 16 permits were issued . 15 senior permits at no cost and 1 annual permit for \$5.00

7. Budget Report – N/A

8. Enforcement Report

8.1 M.Hallier noted two enforcement incidents one concerning a local resident and the other concerning a dredge boat venturing inside Lot 10 with dredge not down only picking up winkle pots. The skipper was warned not to venture inside of Lot 10 with the dredge boat.

9. New Dock Applications – N/A

10. Old Business –

10.1 Ben Goetsch sought any input on his lease application. T. Pulcinella noted that B. Goetsch latest letter was forwarded to First Selectman Cosgrove which is planned to reviewed by the Board of Selectman. T. Pulcinella noted that Town Counsel Attorney Mike Cretella instructed the Shellfish Commission not to act on any leases until matter of jurisdiction/ownership is resolved. It does not appear that the issue will be resolved quickly.

10.2 T. Pulcinella updated the Commission on the Dan Snyder legal case. D. Snyder was deposed and stated he didn't know anything about shellfishing. He did acknowledge that he did open a letter addressed to the Shellfish Commission in the mail slot. D. Snyder has a \$17 million claim against the Town. The Town has hired an expert witness from Rhode Island for the case.

11. New Business – Ben Goetsch noted that there is a new shellfish monitoring program used in the Housatonic River which may be useful to the Branford Shellfish Commission.

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

R.H. Stoecker
Acting Secretary BSC