

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987
Town of Branford, CT

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 14, 2017
Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center
Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance

1.1 Commission Members Present: T. Pulcinella (Chair), R. Zettergren, R. Stoecker
R. Lillquist, D. Steinhardt

1.2 Commission Member Missing: M. Hallier, Vacancy

1.3 Guests/Public: B. Goetsch, N. Pastore, M. Torelli, M. Bartlett, J. Wickham,
2 Short Beach residents

2. Call to Order

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 January minutes were discussed. *A motion was made by R. Stoecker and seconded by R. Zettergren to accept minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

4. Public Forum

4.1 M. Torelli wants to apply for seed permit in Farm River, and the Squaw Brook area in Stony Creek. Chairman Pulcinella suggested he come back next month with a better description of the areas, and confirmation by Dave Carey. Mr. Torelli is also interested in Lot 135 near POYC.

4.2 B. Goetsch announced the formation of Red **Rock Oyster Co. LLC**, of which he is the owner. A lease was requested for Lot 548 and portions of Lots 285 and 286. Also, a lease or co-management agreement for Lot 301 was requested. An extended presentation of his intentions for the grounds took place. Discussion of jurisdiction between state and town determined that more information may be needed. It was decided to table the subject until more information is available.

5. Communications and Bills

5.1 There were no communications or bills presented.

6. Permit Activity

6.1 There were 12 annual and 10 senior permits issued last month and \$48.00 deposited.

7. Enforcement Report

7.1 No Activity

8. New Dock Applications

8.1 *Tidal Basin LLC*: replace and realignment of existing storm drain on property located at 4-6 Indian Neck Ave. Relocation is 165 feet north. ***D. Steinhardt made a motion to approve project to move existing storm drain to new location 165 feet north.*** The motion was seconded by R. Lillquist and passed unanimously.

8.2 *D. Herzog, 9 Blackstone Ave.*: Construction of new fixed pier 68 feet long, and seasonal 8 ft by 20 ft floating dock with a 28 ft long gangway. ***D. Steinhardt made a motion to approve the project.*** It was seconded by R. Zettergren and passed unanimously.

8.3 *Kurt Uihlein, 130 Riverview Ave*: Construction of new fixed pier 22.9 ft. long, and seasonal floating dock 17.3 ft. by 7 ft. The fixed pier to be supported by concrete pilings. It was noted that the Farm River may be a designated “natural bed area”. Chairman Pulcinella suggested this matter be tabled until more information as to the status of the area in reference to “natural bed” is obtained.

9. Old Business

9.1 *N. Pastore, Lease on Lot 565*: After Mr. Pastore acquired a lease for Lot 565, it was discovered that this particular area was part of DEEP trawl survey. D.Carey advised BSC that a “3D” farm growing operation is detrimental to the survey, and urged BSC to release Mr. Pastore from the lease on the lot. Mr. Pastore did not dispute the findings, and will seek another area to lease. ***D. Steinhardt made a motion to declare the lease on bed 565 null and void, and to refund Mr. Pastore the money for lot 565.*** The motion was seconded by R. Lillquist and passed.

10. New Business

10.1 *Midstate Shellfish LLC*: Owner, John Sisk, is looking for permission to conduct exploratory searches in two areas. One area is in the Branford River between Indian Neck Ave, and S. Montowese St. The other area is in the Branford River below Sybil Creek, south of the channel, and the sunken barge. ***D. Stienhardt made a motion to approve Midstate LLC to research areas in the Branford River between Indian Neck Ave. and S. Montowese St., and an area in the Branford River comprising 25 acres of bottom land, south of the river and bordering on Lot 38.*** The motion was seconded by R. Stoecker and passed ***unanimously.*** A search permission document was completed and signed off on by BSC commissioners.

11. Adjournment

11.1 ***A motion was made by D. Steinhardt and seconded by R. Zettergren to adjourn.*** The Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lillquist
Secretary BSC