

Branford Shellfish Commission

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Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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Location: Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Street, Branford, CT

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: D. Hennessey, E. Fay, A. Pulcinella, M. Hallier, D. Steinhardt
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:01 PM.
3. The Department of Aquaculture Representative was unable to attend and is rescheduled for the Regular March 2019 Meeting.
4. K & G Graphics Invoice in the amount of \$465 was presented. On a motion from Marty Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the invoice was unanimously approved for payment.
5. The Commission discussed a letter from Nick Pastore's attorney. Mr. Pastore was previously released from his lease on Bed 565 (cannot Aquaculture) and is now requesting to nullify his lease on Bed 551. Mr. Pastore was in contact with Director Carey (State of CT) to choose this area. He is in arrears. The deposit was paid, but he has not issued payment for 2018. The Commission recommended he sublet his lease. On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the lease is considered In Default and will be referred to an attorney for Collection. Approval was Unanimous.
6. Permit Activity – Annual Residents - 10 @ \$5.00 = \$50.00 and Seniors - 10 @ \$0.
7. Update from Ben Goetsh on Bed 58 – As of 12/27/18, the Tax collector verified that the taxes remain unpaid. Commissioner Pulcinella (Tony) met with the Assessor's Office who needs an instrument placed on the Land Records to remove it from the tax rolls and met with Town Clerk who forwarded everything to Town Counsel in his presence. We must now wait for Town Counsel.
8. Update on the New State Map "Conservation, Management and Restoration Priorities for CT Shellfish" – Each member gets a copy. The Map includes all our Co-Management areas as we have leased in the past and relay beds and is up-to-date. It shows what we are doing where.
9. Proposed Scholarship Program - Tony spoke with Director Carey regarding specific language in the state statutes to enable this to move forward. Suggestions were made to contact Guilford, as they have a scholarship program in place and may be of assistance.
10. Advertising of Shellfish Beds for Leasing- wanted to put information on the Aquaculture website, but have come to realization that they are our competition. Ben Goetsh has a comprehensive master email list for the Shellfishermen in the state and will send out an email blast through this as a friend of the commission.
11. Update on Dock Application for Horse Island – The Commission indicated it lacked jurisdiction, but that it had no objections.

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12. New proposed offshore recreational shellfish bed off Rogers Island – Requested a section off Rogers Island between Cedar Island (rock out-cropping) and Rogers Island. Director Carey looking in to. Extensive discussion ensued, as the area of interest is an area the State of CT issues licenses to use. These are issued annually. The Commission will monitor the situation.
13. Budget Report – will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
13. Enforcement Report – Mr. Zettergren is doing better and expects to be at the next meeting. Commissioner Hallier had an incident with a repeat offender on Shore Drive. Photos were taken and the DEP was contacted. The DEP responded and a ticket was issued. THE DEP is on it and responds, even on Sunday.
14. New Dock Applications – None.
15. Update on Lease Collections – Checks were turned in.
16. Adjournment – On a motion by David Steinhardt, seconded by Martin Hallier, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk