

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 12, 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, R. Lillquist
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:02 PM.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Meeting: The Minutes are to be amended as follows: Item 5 – Following “The Commission received correspondence regarding the signoff for Yale to repair and/or extend the dock on Horse Island.” To be added: The BSC determined on Yale University’s Application to add a floating dock extending off the existing concrete and stone dock would not adversely impact the shellfish area with the understanding that the BSC was not giving approval of the project and recommended that the applicant contact the owner of the Granted Shellfish Bed. As amended, on a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the minutes were Unanimously approved.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Meeting: On a motion from Dave Steinhardt and seconded by Marty Hallier, the minutes of this Special Meeting were unanimously approved.
5. Review of Dock Applications
 - a. CT/DOT to replace Sybil Creek Bridge #02675 on Route 146 – is the removal, widening and replacement along with sidewalks and culvert with a new tidal gate and concrete wings up and down stream of the bridge. Maps were presented with the Mitigation area circled. The BSC is being asked to acknowledge that the project will not have a detrimental effect on the shellfish in the area. On a motion by Marty Hallier and seconded by Bob Lillquist, that Acknowledgement was Unanimously agreed.
 - b. Morris Cove Compound LLC to reinforce existing concrete seawall and footing at 50 Coheco Avenue – as the existing seawall washed out in Section AA and BB (drawings were presented), they wish to make those sections uniform with Section CC with the buttress and full footings. Again, the BSC is to determine if there seems no detrimental effect on the shellfish in the area. On a motion by Ed Fay, seconded by Marty Hallier, that was Unanimously agreed.
6. There were no Invoices to be approved. The letters from Mr. Nick Pastore’s attorney were discussed. They have been turned over to the Town Attorney for action. At this time, the Jarvis Creek Co-Management situation was also discussed. Chris Watson was unable to attend the meeting. The Commission agreed that he needs to get current with his Past Due Balance and then the BSC will entertain options moving forward.
7. Permit Activity – Annual Residents - 1 @ \$5.00.

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8. Prior to the meeting, the current Financial Report was distributed.
9. The Co-Management of Jarvis Creek/Chris Watson was already addressed.
10. Enforcement Actions – None to report.
11. New Dock Applications – already addressed.
12. Update on Lease Collections – All up to date but for Pastore.
13. Old Business – The Scholarship Program was discussed. Tony received some Information from Guilford and will be meeting with Jim Finch, the Town's Finance Director.
14. New Business – Coastal Marine Fisheries attended the meeting and is interested in An Assessment Permit to evaluate some beds to lease. Extensive discussion Ensued.
There was also some discussion regarding information the Harbormaster receives and his concerns as to keeping the BSC equally informed.
15. Public Forum – No additional comments
16. Adjournment – On a motion by Martin Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk