

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, April 9, 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, R. Zettergren.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:01 PM.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Meeting: The Minutes are to be amended as follows: Item 6 “There were no Invoices to be approved. The letters from Mr. Nick Pastore’s attorney were discussed and the BSC has declared the Lease in Default. The Matter was turned over to the Town Attorney for action. Item 13 “...meeting with Jim Finch once we have a clear idea of what it will look like...” On a motion from B Lillquist, seconded by Marty Hallier, the minutes were unanimously Approved as amended.
4. Review of Dock Applications- No new Dock Applications received. The BSC did receive Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve Structures, Dredging & Fill for 61 Sunset Beach Road, Branford from the state.
5. Public Forum – A resident inquired about a Co-Management Area currently used by MidState Shellfish LLC.
6. Communications with Bills – An invoice from S & V Screenprinting for 8 new hats was reviewed. On a motion from Don Hennessey and seconded by Marty Hallier, the invoice was unanimously approved for payment. A letter was received from Mr. Michael Torelli requesting permits for 2 areas in Stony Creek to collect oyster seed. One area is already under a co-management agreement and the 2nd area is in a prohibited area. After a discussion, on a motion from Marty Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the request was unanimously denied. Dave Steinhardt received a package regarding Sewer relocation in Fairfield. The package will be returned to the sender, as the Branford Shellfish Commission deemed it was sent to the Commission in error.
7. Permit Activity – Annual Residents 4 at \$5 and 12 at \$0 for Seniors.
8. Budget Report – None presented.
9. Enforcement – Nothing to report.
10. Update on Lease Collections – no new receipts to report. MidState Shellfish LLC has not yet paid for leased shellfish beds and for co-management areas in Branford Harbor and Killiam’s Point. Notification of monies due was sent out two months ago. MidState will be contacted again.
11. Old Business – Tony Pulcinella distributed copies of a rough draft on the Commission’s Proposed Scholarship Program to members for their review along with a copy of Guilford’s program for reference. He has again been in contact with the DA/BA Director David Carey for statutory clarification on being able to use the BSC funds. The intent is that the scholarships will be available to graduating Branford

High School students or Branford residents attending/graduating from a school out of town. He will then meet with Town officials.

12. New Business – None

13. On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Ed Fay, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk