

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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Location: Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Peter Graves, John Strell, Dave Steinhardt, Marty Hallier.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Tony Pulcinella.
3. The Minutes of the November 14, 2023: On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Peter Graves, the Minutes of the Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects – Paperwork was received from SLR International Corp. regarding a project at the Trolley Trail Bridge. The project includes both routine maintenance and reinforcement and erosion control. After extensive discussion, upon a motion from Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier it was unanimously approved to complete the Pre-Consultation Form as follows: The Project is located will not adversely impact a shellfish area with this additional Comment/Recommendation: “Downstream from the proposed work area, there are 2 “Oyster Seed Beds” known as PP1 and PP2 that are worked by the Shellfisherman “Jack Creamer” DBA Mulberry Point Shellfish Company that has a Co-Management Agreement with the Branford Shellfish Commission (BSC) for a period of 5 years, commencing on 4/1/23 thru 3/31/28. The Contractor should take special care while performing their construction operations in this area.”
5. Public Forum – None present.
6. Communications with Bills – Tyco Invoice 158897, dated 12/28/23, \$330.00 for printing of 2024 Permits was presented. On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Dave Steinhardt, the invoice was unanimously approved for payment. Kelsey’s Boat Yard Invoice 1963, dated 12/12/23 in the amount of \$850.00 for winterization of boat was presented. On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Peter Graves, the invoice was approved for payment. Marty Hallier abstained from voting.
7. Permit Activity – Since our last meeting, 2 Senior permits were issued.
8. Budget Report – Presented to the Commissioners at the meeting.
9. Enforcement – No activity. Marty Hallier started a discussion regarding the purchase of a drone to assist the commission in monitoring for illegal activity.
10. Update on Lease Collections – Checks were received from CW Walston regarding both the leased and Co-management areas.
11. Old Business – Dave Steinhardt will bring more information to the next meeting regarding the Bontanibus situation (delinquent taxes on private bed).
12. New Business – None.
13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Peter Graves, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk