

# *Branford Shellfish Commission*

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

## **MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Don Hennessey, Peter Graves, Dave Steinhardt, Marty Hallier.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Tony Pulcinella.
3. The Minutes of the January 9, 2024: On a motion by Tony Pulcinella, seconded by Marty Hallier, the Minutes of the Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects – Paperwork was received regarding a Dock Project at 33 Jefferson Place in Branford. Dave Provencher from Shore Design presented the details. After extensive review and discussion on a motion from Dave Steinhardt and seconded by Marty Hallier, it was unanimously agreed to sign off that there will not be an adverse impact to the area. A Consultation Form was received from Triton Coastal Consultants LLC regarding a project at 190 Totoket Road, in Branford at the Pine Orchard Marine Terminal for maintenance dredging of marine sediment. After review and discussion, it was agreed that it will not adversely impact shellfish area. On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Dave Steinhardt, it was unanimously agreed.
5. Public Forum – Johnny Waters (an Oysterman) wanted to report back to the Commission on the activity on the grounds/beds he is leasing. Perry Maresca (Town of Branford Economic and Business Development Manager) spoke to the Commission regarding Collective Oyster Recycling & Restoration, The Shell Recovery & Restoration Program. He provided a brief overview, indicating the desire for future discussions with the Commission about the costs, benefits and participants of the program.
6. Communications with Bills –None presented.
7. Permit Activity – Since our last meeting, there has been very little activity.
8. Budget Report – Will be presented to the Commissioners at the next meeting.
9. Enforcement – No activity.
10. Update on Lease Collections – Two checks were received – one for a Co-management area (Dolan Bros.) and one for a lease (C Walston).
11. Old Business – None
12. New Business – Aquaculture Plan was distributed to the Commission for review.
13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Don Hennessey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk