

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, John Strell, Peter Graves, Marty Hallier, Don Hennessey and Dave Steinhardt.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM.
3. The Minutes of the February 14, 2023 were amended as follows: Under Item 12 New Business – Anthony Pulcinella is nominated as Chairman of the Branford Shellfish Commission **for a period of Two (2) Years**. On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the Amended Minutes of the Meeting were approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects – None presented.
5. Public Forum – No discussion.
6. Communications with Bills – None presented.
7. Permit Activity – 6 issued – 4 to Seniors, 2 to Residents (\$10) for a total collected of \$135.00 for 2023 Calendar Year.
8. Budget Report – None presented. To be distributed quarterly.
9. Enforcement – No issues.
10. Update on Lease Collections – Dave Steinhardt sent out letters to both current Leaseholders for approximately \$8000.
11. Old Business – None.
12. New Business – A.) John Alves was present at last month's meeting and is looking for a small area off Bishop Rock. Upon a motion from Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, it was unanimously agreed to enter into a Co-Management Agreement for the area formerly known as Section 1 and now known as Sections 1a and 1b (approximately 4.5 acres each). Check 1136, \$450.00 received. Documents were executed. B.) Jonathan Waters is interested in entering into an agreement to lease 82 acres through Co-Management of Lots A,B,C and D off Pleasant Point. On a motion from Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, it passed unanimously for a 5 Year Agreement for \$2065/year. Check 997 was received and documents were executed. C.) Jack Creamer (Mulberry Point Shellfish) is to enter into a Co-Management Agreement for the East and West sides of Pleasant Point (3.28 acres) for \$50/acre per year for a period of 5 years. On a motion from Marty Hallier, seconded by Peter Graves, the motion unanimously passed. Check 276 in the amount of \$164.00 was received and the documents were executed. D.) Lastly, Tony Pulcinella addressed the Stocking. Does the commission agree to have 2 stockings – one before Memorial Day and the second before Labor Day? On a motion from John Strell, seconded by Marty Hallier, it was unanimously agreed to have 2 stockings. The dates will be determined based on Tide Tables.

13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doreen Denhardt, Clerk