

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Marty Hallier, John Strell and Dave Steinhardt.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Marty Hallier.
3. The Minutes of the September 12, 2023: On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Dave Steinhardt, the Minutes of the Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects – None.
5. Public Forum – Jack Creamer attended the meeting and is interested in leasing some beds, including numbers 231, 541, 537, 120, 546, 349N, 349S and 535. Several are not under the BSC jurisdiction and many are available for lease. Maps were reviewed and the beds discussed. The BSC has issued a 30 Day Permit (starting 11/17/23) for Jack to look at the beds.
6. Communications with Bills – None presented.
7. Permit Activity – Since our last meeting, 6 Resident Permits and 2 Senior permits and 2 Non-Resident Permits for a total of \$130 were sold.
8. Budget Report – Presented to the Commissioners at the meeting.
9. Enforcement – No activity
10. Update on Lease Collections – A new lease has been signed with DJ King. A letter regarding funds due and an extension on CW Walston's lease has been sent. There was extensive discussion regarding a bed owned by Bontanibus (deceased) with back taxes. Dave S. is in discussions with the Tax Collector/Town Hall regarding this bed.
11. Old Business – None.
12. New Business – The Meeting Schedule for the next calendar year was reviewed. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of June. June's meeting will be on the first Tuesday (June 4, 2024). On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by John Strell, the schedule was unanimously approved. The Board Clerk is authorized to obtain new Permits for the Calendar Year 2024, using last year's order as a base. The BSC prefers Hi-Vis Yellow for the color for the new year. The Commissioners have set the annual Holiday Gathering to Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 5:00 at Tommy Sullivan's in Branford. (The Clerk will confirm they are open on that date.)
13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doreen Denhardt, Clerk