Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987 Town of Branford, Connecticut MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Date:Tuesday, September 12, 2023Location:Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CTTime:5:00 PM

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- 1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Robert Lillquist, Marty Hallier, Don Hennessey, John Strell, Peter Graves and Dave Steinhardt.
- 2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM.
- 3. The Minutes of the August 8, 2023: On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the Minutes of the Meeting were unanimously approved.
- 4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects None.
- Public Forum Zach Gordon of 120 Queach Road in Branford addressed the Commission. He is interested in starting an Oyster Farm. He wants to use floating gear. The Commission explained the process regarding State approvals and leases from BSC. He is also interested in getting a mooring and was referred to the Harbormaster.
- 6. Communications with Bills Three invoices were presented: CW Shellfish Invoice 2152 dated 9/7/23, \$3220.00 for the 2nd Clam re-stocking; CW Shellfish Invoice 2134 dated 7/8/23, \$3150.00 for the 1st Clam re-stocking; and the 8/15/23 Pier 66 invoice of \$271.86 for 59.1 gallons of fuel for the Shellfish boat. On a motion from Dave Steinhardt, seconded by John Strell, all three invoices were unanimously approved for payment.
- 7. Permit Activity Since our last meeting, 2 Resident Permits and 1 Senior permit for a total of \$10 were sold.
- 8. Budget Report not presented at the meeting.
- 9. Enforcement It has been quiet.
- 10. Update on Lease Collections No update. Dave to review for upcoming billings.
- 11. Old Business The Clerk will purchase new shellfish rings to be distributed with licenses as needed from Buckles International in Bristol. On a motion from Dave Steinhardt and seconded by Peter Graves, the purchase of 750 rings at \$.27 each plus shipping has been unanimously approved.
- 12. New Business None presented.
- 13. Adjournment On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Bob Lillquist, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk