



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission



Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 06 Aug, 2020
Virtual meeting held via Zoom, 7:30 pm

Members present: Chair Peter Harris, J. Patrick Kelly, Eric Kanter, Larry Tytla, Marcia Benvenuti, and Fred Wise
Members absent: Paul Spakowski, Tom Bowlen

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm and a quorum established.
- 2) Update on and potential action related to recreational shellfishing area reclassification by DA/BA: Chair Harris updated the commission on the progress of fulfilling the requirements needed prior to reopening
 - a. MOU has been sent out for the appropriate signatures
 - b. Signs showing the new area maps have been posted
 - c. Public notice has been drafted and will be published in the New London Day twice
 - d. Demarcation bouys will be placed in the river in addition to the shoreline markers.
 - e. No new motion made and no additional action needed at this time.
- 3) Update on and potential action regarding transfer of financial responsibilities to Town of Waterford : Chair Harris updated the commission on the meeting between Mr. Harris, Mr. Kelly and Kim Allen from the Waterford Finance Dept. Ms. Allen then had a meeting with First Selectmen Brule and the Waterford Town Attny Robert Avena to discuss the complexities of having a separate set of books for WELSCO. They agreed the bookkeeping would require more time and resources than originally agreed to in the MOU and would release WELSCO from the MOU.
 - a. Ms. Benvenuti requested additional information of this decision in an e-mail or written document from Ms. Allen – Mr. Harris will request this from Ms. Allen.
 - b. The Commission asked Mr. Kelly to confirm with Premier Accounting that the rates and fees for their services are still the same as previously quoted in the spring (2020).
 - c. No new motion was made related to this.
- 4) Discussion and potential action on expenses needed to fully equip the WELSCO Warden boat: Chair Harris discussed the equipment needs of the WELSCO Warden Boat.
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Tytla to approve \$500 in expenses for the boat, approved 6-0. It was requested the Chief Warden attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail the equipment needs of the boat before purchasing any of the equipment.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Tytla, seconded by Mr. Kanter, motion approved 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Harris