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**MINUTES
WESTPORT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
JUNE 21, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Heather Williams, Chair
Jamie Walsh, Vice-Chair
Jay Grayson, Alternate
Dick Harris
Clarinda Higgins, Alternate

Ex-Officios:

Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director
Brendan Fearon, Westport Marine Police

Staff:

Susan Voris, Admin. Asst. II

Guests:

Tom Ryder, LandTech

The June 21, 2021 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, Connecticut, by Chairman, Heather Williams.

This is to certify that these minutes and resolutions were filed with the Westport Town Clerk within 7 days of the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission pursuant to Section 1-225 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Alicia Mozian
Conservation Director

1. New Business

- a. **575 Riverside Avenue:** Review of proposal to CT DEEP to extend a float within an existing marina.

Tom Ryder of LandTech presented the application. The proposal is for a float extension. The site is the building where Saugatuck Sweets is located. This is an existing marina, All-Season Marina now has 22 slips. The float extension will be at the south end of the existing float structure. A 10' by 14' float is proposed with float skid. The existing pile is proposed to be relocated. This proposal is just north of I-95.

Ms. Mozian noted the area is a natural bed and classified as Prohibited.

Motion to find there will be no adverse impacts to shellfish from the proposed float.

Motion:	Walsh	Second:	Harris
Ayes:	Walsh, Harris, Grayson, Higgins, Williams		
Nayes:	None	Abstentions:	None
		Vote:	5:0:0

b. Report about visit from UConn Sea Grant regarding possible sites for shellfish habitat restoration

Ms. Williams reported what they saw when visiting Hendrick's Point with Tessa Getchis. They were accessing the resources and will prioritize projects throughout the State for potential grant funding. They also went to the West Beach of Sherwood Island State Park but this proved to be less attractive for restoration than Hendrick's Point. They also visited the Mill Pond to observe aquaculture activities in the pond. Hendrick's Point has been set with oysters.

c. Plans for summer clambake

The Commission looked at the proposed dates. September 9, 2021 was the preferred date with September 10, 2021 being the backup.

2. Approval of the May 5, 2021 minutes.

The May 5, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion:	Higgins	Second:	Harris
Ayes:	Higgins, Harris, Grayson, Walsh, Williams		
Nayes:	None	Abstentions:	None
		Vote:	5:0:0

3. Treasurers Report

Ms. Williams read the checking account balance ending April 30, 2021 into the record.

4. Recreational Shellfish Report

Ms. Voris submitted the following report into the record:

The Commission has issued **435 annual recreational permits** as of June 11, 2021. There were **327** renewals and **108** new permits. (75.2%/24.8%)

Adult Resident Permits issued –	238	(\$ 7,110.00)
Senior Resident Permits issued –	179	(\$ 2,580.00)
Adult Non-resident Permits issued –	14	(\$ 840.00)
Senior Non-resident Permits issued –	4	(\$ 120.00)
Daily Permits issued -	3	(\$ 45.00)

The Commission has collected **\$10,695.00** since December 30, 2020 when we began issuing the 2021 recreational shellfishing permits.

7 senior permits were issued to people who are 85 and older for free.

6. Old Business

- a. Update of review of CT Dept of Transportation plans for I-95 bridge median reconstruction and resurfacing, State Project No 102-295.

Ms. Higgins stated she had attended the meeting. She submitted questions regarding the project. The DOT has not done any work to improve water quality in Westport. All water quality improvements are being done in Norwalk.

7. Other Business

- a. Notification of upcoming Informational Meeting regarding aquaculture activity in Sherwood Mill Pond.

Ms. Mozian informed the Commission of an upcoming meeting of the Sherwood Mill Pond Committee regarding the aquaculture activities in the pond on July 7, 2021. She noted the Shellfish Commission has no jurisdiction over these activities but is under the State Bureau of Aquaculture.

- b. Update on return to future in-person meetings

Ms. Mozian noted the July 7, 2021 meeting is cancelled. There is no meeting scheduled in August. By September, we could be back to in person meetings.