



**SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES  
WESTPORT SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Heather Williams, Chair  
Jay Grayson, Alternate  
Dick Harris  
Clarinda Higgins, Alternate

Ex-Officios:

Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director  
Brendan Fearon, Westport Marine Police

Staff:

Susan Voris

Guests:

Jeff Northrop  
Matt Murray  
Tom Stanford

The December 1, 2021 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom by Chair, Heather Williams.

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

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Alicia Mozian  
Conservation Director

1. Approval of the November 3, 2021 minutes.

The November 3, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Higgins</b>	<b>Second:</b>	<b>Harris</b>
<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Higgins, Harris, Williams</b>		
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
			<b>Vote: 3:0:0</b>

2. Old Business

- a. Update by staff re: **Sherwood Mill Pond**: Application to CT Dept. of Agriculture/Bureau of Aquaculture by Jonathan Goldstein on behalf of Haslea, Inc. for a proposed aquaculture project. **This application to the State was withdrawn by the applicant.**

Ms. Mozian reviewed the letter dated November 4, 2021 to the Bureau of Aquaculture based on resolutions and discussion of the November 3, 2021 hearing. She noted subsequently the Haslea application was withdrawn for the expanded gear application. Mr. Northrup does have permits for the gear that was seen being removed from the Pond and does have the right to farm the bottom of the Pond.

Mr. Grayson arrived at 6:40 p.m.

3. Police Report

- a. Update on crabbing activity within the Sherwood Mill Pond.

Sgt. Fearon stated crabbing is now closed for the season as of November 30<sup>th</sup>. He has been in contact with CT DEEP. He and EnConn will be devising a plan to address what the crabbers can and cannot do within the Pond. In the meantime, if any crabbing activity is seen, let the Police Department know. He stated there are many new officers that may not be familiar with marine law so they will need to get up to speed. He stated the intent for next season is to provide enforcement by both agencies – local police and the CT DEEP Police.

Sgt. Fearon reported that with regard to parking, there has been discussion with the Police Department to change the parking signs along Hillspoint Road from limiting parking from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May 1 to September 30 to just say “No Parking” unless you have a beach sticker. This is being done in hopes of deterring parking along Hillspoint Road at night, which would in turn limit access to the Mill Pond by crabbers. This will need approval from the Town Parking Authority.

Ms. Mozian added she has heard that an ordinance will be introduced that would ban crabbing in the Mill Pond at night, but she is unsure who will be spear heading that effort.

4. Treasurers Report

Ms. Williams read the Treasurer’s Report ending October 31, 2021 into the record.

5. Recreational Shellfish Report

Ms. Voris stated there was no updated report for December sent to the Commission as there were no permits issued. The only change in the report was the number of closure dates. She highlighted the report as follows:

The Commission has issued **582 annual recreational permits** as of October 25, 2021. There were **361** renewals and **221** new permits. (62%/38%)

Adult Resident Permits issued –	<b>344</b>	<b>(\$10,290.00)</b>
Senior Resident Permits issued –	<b>217</b>	<b>(\$ 3,120.00)</b>
Adult Non-resident Permits issued –	<b>16</b>	<b>(\$ 960.00)</b>
Senior Non-resident Permits issued –	<b>5</b>	<b>(\$ 150.00)</b>
Daily Permits issued -	<b>4</b>	<b>(\$ 60.00)</b>

