

**MINUTES
WESTPORT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Ron Silverman, Chair
Leo Cirino
Matt Dembski
Jay Grayson
Clarinda Higgins
Drew Rice
Heather Williams

Ex-Officios:

Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director
Robert Myer, Westport Marine Police

Staff:

Susan Voris, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Jim Marpe, First Selectman

The October 1, 2014 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 of the Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Ave., Westport, Connecticut, by Chairman, Ron Silverman.

This is to certify that these minutes and resolutions were filed with the Westport Town Clerk within 7 days of the October 1, 2014 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission pursuant to Section 1-225 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Alicia Mozian
Conservation Director

discussion included the connection of non-point source pollution; Farm to Table; work with EarthPlace or Wakeman Town Farm; promote a no permit needed day including make a movie on how to shellfish; and work with school curriculum.

b. Discussion of permit fee changes

The Commission reviewed and discussed proposed recreational shellfish permit fees. The changes are as follows:

Resident Adult - \$30
Resident Senior - \$15
Non-Resident Adult - \$60
Non-Resident Senior - \$30
Daily Permits - \$15

Motion to accept the proposed new permit fees.

There was a discussion and the motion was amended to make permits to anyone 85 and older free.

Motion:	Silverman	Second:	Dembski
Ayes:	Silverman, Dembski, Cirino, Grayson, Higgins, Rice, Williams		
Nays:	None	Abstentions:	None
		Vote:	7:0:0

6. Old Business

a. Transplant from deep waters of Cockenoe Flats.

Ms. Voris reported that she has sent an application for a transplant from the deep waters of Cockenoe Flats to the shallows to the Bureau of Aquaculture. If approved, it would take place between October 1, 2014 to October 8, 2014.

7. Other Business

a. UConn's Economic Assessment of Recreation Shellfishing in Connecticut

Ms. Mozian noted that Ms. Voris completed the 10 question survey that will help characterize and then place a dollar value on the economic importance of recreational shellfishing in Connecticut.

b. Connecticut Shellfish Initiative – A Vision for the Future

Ms. Mozian stated this initiative will identify policies and practices to protect shellfish resources and promote sustainable harvests. She noted they have collected the data and are now working on specific measurable goals and strategies.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission will be held on November 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 of Westport Town Hall.

Adjournment:

The Shellfish Commission adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

