

**MINUTES  
WESTPORT SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Ron Silverman, Chair  
Leo Cirino  
Matt Dembsk  
Jay Grayson  
Heather Williams

Ex-Officios:

Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director  
Robert Myer, Westport Marine Police

Staff:

Susan Voris, Recording Secretary

The September 8, 2014 meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission was called to order at 6:15 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 September 8, 2014 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 July 14, 2014 meeting minutes.**

The July 14, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Silverman Second: Dembsky  
Ayes: Silverman, Dembsky, Williams  
Nays: None Abstentions: None Vote: 3:0:0

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Silverman read the checking account balance ending July 31, 2014 into the record.

3. **Police Report**

Officer Myer reported that there have been no problems. Marine Division will be open until October 1, 2014.

4. **Recreational Shellfish Report**

Ms. Voris submitted the following report:

The Commission has issued **805 annual recreational permits** as of December 16, 2013.

**520** are renewals and **285** are new permit holders. (64.6% / 35.4%)

Adult Resident Permits issued –	542	(\$ 10,840.00)
Senior Resident Permits issued –	248	(\$ 2,480.00)
Adult Non-resident Permits issued –	11	(\$ 550.00)
Senior Non-resident Permits issued –	4	(\$ 100.00)
Daily Permits issued -	5	(\$ 50.00)

The Commission has collected **\$13,970.00** since December 16, 2013 when we began issuing the 2014 recreational shellfishing permits.

5. **New Business**

Ms. Mozian referred to an e-mail sent on September 5, 2014 from the Bureau of Aquaculture regarding the changing of shellfishing leasing procedures. She stated she forwarded this e-mail to the Commissioners for informational purposes only.

6. **Old Business**

a. **Transplant from deep waters of Cockenoe Flats.**

Ms. Voris stated she will coordinate with the Bureau of Aquaculture and Norm Bloom for a time when the transplant can be done without closing the recreational beds.

b. **Updated on Commission budget.**

Ms. Mozian reviewed a memo sent to the Commissioners on July 30, 2014 regarding her meeting with the First Selectman and the Finance Director. It was decided that the carryover request would not be on the August Board of Finance agenda as it was

advised to address the concern over budget shortfalls in the upcoming budget season. It was recommended that permit fees be raised.

**c. Updated on buoy markers in Sherwood Mill Pond.**

Ms. Mozian referred to Jeff Northrup's project to grow out oysters in bags in the Mill Pond. She stated that originally, the DEEP had wanted 24 or 32 buoys to mark the area. In response to her comments that there are no motorized boats in the Mill Pond other than Mr. Northrup's, the number of buoys required has been reduced to 4.

**d. Updated on proposed dock at 42 Shorehaven Road**

Ms. Mozian referred to a letter in response to comments about the proposed dock at 42 Shorehaven Road. The applicant has made modifications to the dock in response including reducing the size of the dock and adding stop-floats.

**7. Other Business**

**a. Annual Clambake**

Ms. Mozian reported there are 37 people attending the annual clambake.

**b. NOAA Lab – Open House, October 18, 2014**

Ms. Mozian noted the NOAA Lab Open House on October 18, 2014.

**c.** Ms. Mozian stated that there are three members whose terms are due to expire and asked them if they wished to continue on the Commission. All agreed with Mr. Grayson asking to be appointed as alternate and Ms. Williams elevated to regular member status.

**8. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Westport Shellfish Commission will be held on October 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 of Westport Town Hall. First Selectman Marpe will be invited to attend.

**9. Adjournment:**

The Shellfish Commission adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Silverman</b>	<b>Second:</b>	<b>Grayson</b>
<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Silverman, Grayson, Cirino, Dembsky, Williams</b>		
<b>Nayes:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
		<b>Vote:</b>	<b>5:0:0</b>