

TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING January 19, 2023 Madison Town Campus – Room B – 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Steve Nikituk, Chelsea Lee, Justice Lee, Kevin Clark. Absent was Meig Walz. Also present was Perry Rianhard

Approval of Minutes – December 2022 Held for next meeting

Chairman’s Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper Bills: -- no report
2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission--no report
3. Liaison with Guilford Shellfish Commission--no report.
4. 202 Activities: a) DHHS Docker/Amenta students – Mike Docker intends to count and seed clams in the spring.
5. Clam Digs 2023 — --no report, hopefully clam digs resume next year.

Chairman Nikituk said he wants to add another item to his report list for “2023 Projects” and he asks the commissioners to think of what projects they would like the Shellfish Commission to think about or undertake. He offered “Hard Clam Seeding” and ask Kevin to see ARC in Massachusetts has for hard clam seed prices. He added that we need to come up with places to put the seeds for growing. Perry said hard clams grow in sheltered areas. Kevin said around the pylons at West Wharf.

Commissioners’ Reports – Chelsea Lee

1. Water Testing. No report
2. Plankton Testing. No report

Commissioners’ Reports –Justice Lee

1. Boat Maintenance
2. Grady Status – Steering fixed and boat winterized and put up at Ridge Road.

Commissioners’ Reports – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer’s Report. ---Treasury Balance: \$32,840.27
2. Commercial Leases. Check received from Indian River Shellfish for \$2,140.00. Kevin mentioned he got in touch with the Guilford Shellfish chairman about Doug Shepack East River Leas he wants to renew again.
3. Manage Shellfish Licenses, Regulations and Maps. -- no report.

Commissioners’ Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Grady Status— Perry said the Grady is now at Ridge Road after the steering repair and winterizing
2. Seaview Beach Steamer Beds– We should plan to get to it in the spring.
3. Manage weekend closings due to rainfall/rain gauge– --no rainfall closings

Commissioners’ Reports – Meig Walz

1. Update Madison Shellfish Commission Shellfish Plan – no report.
 2. Oyster restoration Hammonasset River/Clinton Harbor – no report.
- Meig brought up the chance for the commission to explore adding encouraging sugar kelp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Abigail White