



TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING June 20, 2019 Madison Town Campus – Room B

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Steve Nikituk, Ted Raff, Kevin Clark, Eric Thal, Leo Foligno, Dave Newton, Perry Rianhard, Terry Kensler. Also present was George Harris of Indian River Shellfishing.

Approval of minutes (May 2019) Motion by Kevin Clark, and seconded by Dave Newton to approve the minutes. This passed with one abstention (Rianhard).

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper- Bills: Dave Newton is submitted a bill 35 gallons of gas for the scow. Correspondence: Kevin said he received a copy from the CT DEEP okaying Indian River Shellfishing increasing their cages number from 30-to-70 for depuration pending approval from Army Corp. of Engineers, and Bureau of Aquaculture; Kevin showed a copy of the Fish Farming News magazine; Steve show a copy of Wrack Lines magazine.
2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission--no report
3. Liaison with Guilford --no report
4. 2019 Activities: a) DHHS Docker/Amenta students involvement with MSC the steamer got washed out/cancelled.
- 5 Surf Clams –no report.
6. Clam Digs 2019 –Steve said the June 8+9th clamdig had great weather, was well attended, the Hands-On Touch Tank from the Friends of Hammonasset was a big hit, kudos to Leo Foligno and George Harris. The next clamdig will be held September 21 & 22nd and Ted suggested closing the area once the clams are seeded. Dave said he'd make a sign.

Commissioners' Report – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer's Report -- Balance is \$21,892.07.
2. Commercial Leases -- Kevin said he received a check from the Town of Guilford for Madison's half the East River lease. He said Indian River Shellfishing is looking for a lease north of Cedar Island of 80 acres. Motion by Chairman Nikituk and seconded by Eric Thal to approve the lease to Indian River Shellfishing for \$7.00 an acre for 80 acres north of Cedar Island.
3. Manage Shellfish License, Regulations and Maps. –no report.

Commissioners' Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Scow Status – The scow at Daniel Hand High School now has an A-Frame on it.
2. Grady Status— Grady White is in the water.
3. Replace sign off of Fence Creek – post is there.
4. Seaview Beach Steamer Beds – Perry said clam samples should be tested and find out what's going on.

Commissioners' Reports –Dave Newton

1. Meat & Water testing—Dave said he and Eric did a full run of water samples and the results were fine.
2. Liaison with Bureau of Aquaculture – Dave said he is accompanying the Bureau of Aquaculture on July 9th to take samples at Twin Coves

Commissioners' Report – Leo Foligno

1. Manage weekend closing due to rainfall and rain gauge – no weekend closing in spite of recent rains. Area C is closed for the season
2. Oyster Restoration Hammonasset River/Clinton Harbor—no report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Abigail White