

TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING November 21, 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, Eric Thal, Kevin Clark, Perry Rianhard, Terry Kensler, Dave Newton. Also present were Mike Gillman from Indian River Shellfish, Doug Shepetch and Wes Kavanaugh.

Public Comments: Mike Gilman said he is mixing three groups of oysters in his nursery.

Approval of minutes (August 2019) Motion by Perry Rianhard, and seconded by Kevin Clark to approve the August minute. This passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper- Bills: Perry, oil for the Grady White.
2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission—no report
3. Liaison with Guilford –no report. Dave Newton remarked that a couple weeks ago when he was taking samples, Shannon Pociu from CT DEEP said that Guilford Shellfish Commission was collecting samples til midnight that evening.
4. 2019 Activities: a) DHHS Docker/Amenta students involvement with MSC: Steve said the students did a steamer survey on October 23rd and he submitted their report to the members. Mike Gillman added that that every hole had a dead clam in it and offered that clams are sensitive to increases in fine silt like from dredging events. Steve said perhaps that area should be re-seeded.
- 5 Surf Clams –no report.
6. Clam Digs 2020 Steve looked up low tides for 2020 and gave the following dates for 2020 clamdigs: July 27 & 28 from 10-2 pm and September 26 & 27 from 12-3 pm

Commissioners' Report – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer's Report – no report.
2. Commercial Leases – Keven said Doug Sheppach has a lease due and perhaps it can be combined with the other lease Doug has when it becomes due. Terry added combined but invoiced separately.

Commissioners' Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Grady Status— Grady White is out of the water and waiting to be winterized..
2. Seaview Beach Steamer Beds – no report-Perry said he is waiting for a favorable low tide time to continue.

Commissioners' Reports –Eric Thal

1. Updated MSC Plan – no report
2. Kelp – no report

Commissioners' Reports –Dave Newton

1. Meat & Water testing – Dave said he and Perry did a full run a couple weeks ago and that he did a few extra ones. He mentioned there being a new 'memoranda of understanding' that the state is proposing that includes: more samples from Twin Coves, downgrade Area D to restricted relay, and upgrade Area A to open.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Abigail White