

TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING December 19, 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. Absent was Dave Newton.

Approval of minutes (November 2019) Ted Raff and Eric Thal were absent from the November meeting and the summer clamdig is in June, not July. Motion by Perry Rianhard, and seconded by Kevin Clark to approve the November minutes as amended. This passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper- Bills: (from clamdig) Dolan Brothers - \$125 for the clams, and Indian River Shellfishing, \$200 for the oysters. (for Grady White) Perry Rianhard: \$750 for hauling, and \$357 for shrinkwrapping; and mileage for Dave Newton.
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: Steve said the students were done for 2019
- 5 Surf Clams --no report.
6. Clam Digs 2020: June 27 & 28 from 10-2 pm and September 26 & 27 from 12-3 pm (new agenda item) . Major Projects 2020: steamers, and surf clams: Perry said that Maine and the Chesapeake have large scale steamer projects where they bury pots with steamers in them and trench around them and put netting on top of the whole thing. He added that the commission could do some other seeding type project.

Commissioners' Report – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer's Report – no report but Kevin said he received two checks: Doug Schepack for \$1,450, and Milke Gilman for \$500..
2. Commercial Leases --Kevin said he needs a lease from Lockwood.

Commissioners' Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Grady Status— Grady White is winterized and is now at Ridge Road.
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 – Eric said he was talking with Tess about the plan and asked for copies of other commission plans to compare.
2. Kelp – Eric said that Branford, Groton and Norwalk all have kelp farming going and winter is the growing season.

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