

Minutes Groton Shellfish Commission

July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Town Hall Annex, Community Room Two

1. Call to order: Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Commissioners Brown, Jones, Kane, Martin, Occhialini and Sherman.
2. Public: None.
3. Secretary's Report: Commissioners Sherman and Occhialini moved and seconded approval of the minutes for the June meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wood was absent due to illness. Commissioners Martin indicated a balance of \$46,946.11 with previous bills paid. He listed new bills: warden's wages, \$1087.63; new roller for trailer, \$8.59; Pine Island Marina (for battery), \$124.49; shellfish maps, \$61.37. Commissioners Kane and Wilson moved and seconded a motion to accept this report. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Martin stated there were current bills: wages for three wardens totaling, \$663.64; Johnson's Hardware, \$11.99 and clams from Bloom for seeding, \$2,815.00. Commissioners Kane and Sherman moved and seconded to pay the outstanding bills. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Martin noted that permit fees were collected from the Town Clerk's Office and Ken's Tackle Shop (\$2466.50 and \$577.75).
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Agendas from other Town Commissions were received.
 - b. Article in The Day, June 7, 2015, by Amby Burfoot titled "After His Run to Glory in Boston, Path Blocked at Home". This article discusses a new fence in Mumford Cove cutting off access to Haley Farm and Bluff Point (including recreational shell fishing).
6. Old Business:
 - a. Follow Up: Management plan pending. Boat Maintenance, Commissioner Kane reported he greased the wheel bearings and installed a new winch on one trailer. An electrical connector for the lights is also needed. The connector should be replaced and the engine serviced for the small patrol boat. Chairman Martin reviewed discussions with Mr. Lameroux of DA/BA regarding sample taking and delivery for adverse pollution control sampling (apcs) in Mumford Cove. Commissioner Sherman reviewed special sampling and testing performed, in past years, to identify red tide. Due to the hours of effort and expenses it was concluded a memorandum of understanding should be prepared and signed by all involved.
 - b. All leases are due now.
 - c. Commissioner Kane reported water testing is not available from the City of Groton Utilities Department for salt water samples. Commissioner Brown reported, contact with the Water Pollution Control Board or the Asst. Director for the Water Pollution Control Facility requesting water testing is a potential source for water testing locally.
 - d. Balancing GSC income and expenses was discussed. Ideas offered included: eliminate the use of tongs for recreational shell fishing; have separate licenses for summer and winter seasons; specify the maximum number of times a license can be used and collect and review fee structures and procedures used by other commissions.
7. New Business:
 - a. A new docking location on the Poquonnock River has been obtained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for the small patrol boat.

Adjournment: Commissioners Sherman and Kane moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM.
The motion passed unanimously.


Neil Brown, Secretary
cc: Groton Town Clerk

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