

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – June 9, 2010**

The Shellfish Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on June 9, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Honorable John J. Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sanford J. Wakeman Jr., Vice Chairman; Gregory D. Lanute, Secretary; S. James Baum, MD; Sally Harold; David Thornton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Crowley Jr., Chairman; Cathy Raynor-Catropa

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas J. Steinke, Conservation Director; Milan Bull, Conservation Commission

CALL TO ORDER: Sanford J. Wakeman Jr., Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

I. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2010

Gregory D. Lanute *moved*, S. James Baum, MD *seconded* to accept the minutes of May 12, 2010. *Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Committee Reports

1. *Clam Relay/Planting:* Crowley – No report presented this evening
2. *Water and Habitat Quality:* Wakeman, Harold, Raynor-Catropa – Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. reported that the last samples were taken approximately three weeks ago. Sampling was generally positive, except for the area of the yacht club dock. The results of proprietary samples were somewhat poorer in some locations than the DA/BA samples
3. *Permits and Access:* Thornton – No report presented this evening, however, the Commissioners reviewed the draft permit sample.
4. *Commercial Shellfish Regulations:* Crowley, Wakeman, Harold – No report presented this evening
5. *Oyster Bed Development:* Lanute, Thornton, Harold – No report presented this evening, however, David Thornton reported on a meeting he attended in Madison and provided copies of a DVD on shellfishing he obtained there.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. CT DEP-OLISP and US ACOE Application(s) of Philip DiGennaro, Proposed Non-Harbor Mooring in Long Island Sound, near 607 Fairfield Beach Road, Fairfield*

Thomas J. Steinke provided a copy of his correspondence to DEP which resulted from the last Shellfish Commission meeting.

*Note: In this record and previous records relating to the proposed mooring by the property owner of 607 Fairfield Beach Road, said owner's last named has been spelled and used interchangeably as DiGennaro and DeGennaro.

B. Review Re: Charging of Fees to Set Moorings, Anchors and Pilings in Natural Beds within Shellfish Commission's Jurisdiction - Discussion

Thomas J. Steinke suggested evaluating fees at some point when an application is made as much work has been done regarding putting in place regulations governing the actual placement of moorings.

Sally Harold reported that DEP-OLISP held a meeting on coastal permitting and there would be a follow up meeting.

C. Sanitary Survey of Shoreline – Discussion

Thomas J. Steinke is in the process of putting together a RFP. He noted that there are few qualified people available to conduct the survey. He estimated that the project would last approximately four months and cost approximately \$30,000. He also reported that the DEP would be modifying the protected zone around the town's sewage outfall pipe.

Milan Bull, of the Conservation Commission, questioned whether there was a way to tell if properties in the watershed area were connected to the sewer system or not. The Commissioners discussed the health and sewer departments' efforts to monitor and remedy septic and sewage issues.

David Thornton reviewed the scope and procedures of the sanitary survey. Sally Harold discussed the efforts of the Westport Aquifer Protection Program and previous efforts to maintain a database of Fairfield septic systems.

D. Fairfield Harbor Management Commission (HMC) – Southport Harbor Federal Navigation Project Sand Management Meeting

Thomas J. Steinke reported that the objective is to review the physical factors of sand accretion and look into solutions. The sand management efforts include study of the wave and sand environment, the amount of energy impinging on the beach, the sources and rates of sand along the shore, periodic accretion volumes and future management efforts.

E. INCO/Exide Group, 2190 Post Road, Groundwater Study Summary Report

Thomas J. Steinke briefly reviewed the history of the project, contamination types, locations and the differences over the ideal concentration amount. Exide previously agreed to a lead concentration of 220 parts per million but now believes 400 parts per million is sufficient. He noted that DEP has given orders to Superior Plating to document the location and concentration of its contamination and implement remedies of necessary.

F. CT DEP-OLISP Application #200800754-TS, Vatis, 353 Old Dam Road, Fairfield

DEP granted final approval and a copy of that document was provided to the Commissioners.

G. Reopening of Fairfield Recreational Shellfishing

(a) Review of MOU/Procedures & Agency Responsibility Re: Closures – Reporting

When the MOU was drafted, there was an error in the location of the shellfishing area. The westerly boundary at the country club was not situated properly. Edward Crowley Jr. has met with country club representatives, and all have ostensibly agreed to an easterly relocation of the boundary. There has yet to be a final agreement which would include the exact coordinates. Once the boundary has been properly established, it must be included on the map which is printed on each permit. The alternative would be to locate the westerly boundary to the town groin area.

(b) Recreational Shellfishing Permits for 2010

There will be a telephone number printed on each permit for closure information. In addition, closures would be listed in the newspaper. There might be a necessity for a clam relay this fall to provide more clams to Sasco Beach.

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III. NEW BUSINESS

None

IV. INFORMATIONAL

- A. 2009-2010 Budget Expenditure Status – Informational
- B. Shellfish Fund Balance – Informational
- C. License Permits issued through May 31, 2010 – Informational
- D. Website Statistics for April and May 2010 – Informational
- E. Phone calls for status of open or closed for May 2010 – Informational
- F. The Sound Outlook Newsletter, June 2010, No. 34 – Informational

V. OTHER

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Sally Harold *moved*, Gregory D. Lanute *seconded* to adjourn at 8:26 PM. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Monelli