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The Fairfield Shellfish Commission Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2010 are as follow:

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: E. Crowley, Chair., S. Wakeman, V-Chair., D. Thornton, G. Lanute, and S. Harold, Sec'y.

Members Absent: C. Raynor-Catropa

The members noted the resignation of Dr. James Baum and acknowledged his service on the Shellfish Commission and appointment to the Fairfield Flood and Erosion Control Board leaving his chair available for a new appointment.

T. J. Steinke, Conservation Director; Mr. J. Hiltz

I. Bills and Communications

A meeting minutes of October 13, 2010

The meeting minutes for October 13, 2010 were reviewed and G. Lanute noted that he was not present at the meeting; motion to approve as corrected by S. Wakeman, second by D. Thornton, passed unanimously.

B. Committee Reports

1. Clam Relay/Planting: E. Crowley noted that the LIS water temperature was approaching the 50-degree F. limit for conducting relays with a two-week cleansing period would soon preclude any further opportunities for shellfish relays this fall.
2. Water and Habitat Quality: S. Wakeman stated that he and C. Raynor-Catropa are continuing to obtain water samples in Southport Harbor for State DA-BA analysis.
3. Commercial Shellfish Regulations: E. Crowley noted that the draft is still under review.
4. Oyster Bed Development Committee: no report

II. Old Business

- A. Sanitary Survey of the shoreline: status. Mr. Steinke noted that the RFP has been published, is now available on the Town Website. S. Harold suggested that the RFP be sent to the Shellfish ListServe as well as to Ms. L. Romick for greater distribution.
- B. Report on shellfish plant (hard clam) to the recreational shellfish beds: E. Crowley noted that approximately 80 bushels of hard clams were planted at Sasco Hill Beach last month.
- C. Report on coordination for conducting a shellfish relay to the recreational shellfish beds at Sasco Hill Beach: E. Crowley noted that he had contacted J. Salce in anticipation of conducting a relay from the outer beds and a post-dredging survey of the federal navigation project in Southport Harbor before the state closed the relay period at 50-degrees F. Mr. Salce has been engaged in relaying his shellstock to his approved offshore beds and has been unable to assist in the town's relay efforts.
- D. Scheduling of the clam clinic: In light of inclement weather and winter season the members felt it would be prudent to postpone the clam clinics until the spring.

III. New Business

- A. Nominating committee for election of officers at the organizational meeting in December: E. Crowley appointed S. Wakeman, S. Harold, and D. Thornton a nominating committee.
- B. Draft 2011 commission meeting schedule: motion by S. Harold to maintain the 7:30 p.m. meeting time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the second Floor Conference Room of John J. Sullivan Independence Hall, second by D. Thornton, Passed unanimously.
- C. CT DEP-OLISP 4/40 dock GP application of Barbara Castelli of 1624 Fairfield Beach Road for a pile-supported pier, float and ramp on

Pine Creek. Mr. John Hilts addressed the commission as he represented the applicant. The commissioners noted that the application was submitted to the Fairfield Harbor Commission that acknowledged its receipt but did not comment on the proposal as the site is outside of the Harbor Commission's jurisdiction and the Southport Harbormaster's jurisdiction as well. The members noted that the Shellfish Commission's primary concern for the application was the need to maintain a 50-foot wide fairway between the opposite shores with reciprocal development of piers, ramps, floats, and with boats tied alongside to ensure that larger commercial shellfish vessels may safely access the shellfish beds in Pine Creek. The commission noted that the Castelli proposal appeared consistent with the commission's Shellfish Management Plan and its 50-foot fairway, but the Commission was unable to confirm this fact since neither the applicant's float plans nor the plan for the pier-float structure on the opposite shore depicted the vessels that may be tied to the floats by the current or future owners. Motion by S. Wakeman, second by D. Thornton, to recommend to DEP-OLISP approval of the Castelli application with the condition that the Castelli structure be designed and located so as to ensure a 50-ft. wide fairway between piers, ramps, floats and boats tied thereto with reciprocal development on opposite shores of the Pine Creek Channel; and to request the DEP-OLISP that it require applicants, such as for the Castelli proposal, to provide the Shellfish Commission with a copy of the application in the future, Passed unanimously.

#### IV. Informational

A. 2010-2011 budget status: The Commission noted the shellfish sanitary survey of the shoreline as its primary goal for this and next year and to develop the budget accordingly.

V. Adjournment: Upon motion by S. Wakeman, second by S. Harold, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. Harold/tjs