

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – July 14, 2010**

The Shellfish Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on July 14, 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: Edward Crowley Jr., Chairman; Sanford J. Wakeman Jr., Vice Chairman; Sally Harold; Cathy Raynor-Catropa; David Thornton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory D. Lanute, Secretary; S. James Baum, MD

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

CALL TO ORDER: Edward Crowley Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Town of Fairfield Recreational Shellfishing Rules and Regulations

Edward Crowley Jr. read the meeting notice and there was no public comment.

Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. *moved*, Sally Harold *seconded* to close the public hearing session. *Motion passed unanimously.*

II. DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Proposed Amendment to Town of Fairfield Recreational Shellfishing Rules and Regulations

Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. *moved*, Sally Harold *seconded* to approve the amendment to the regulations as presented. *Motion passed unanimously.*

III. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2010

Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. *moved*, David Thornton *seconded* to accept the minutes of June 9, 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 – No report presented this evening
3. *Permits and Access*: Thornton – No report presented this evening, however, the permits are ready to be printed now that the location issue has been resolved with the Country Club of Fairfield. Before permits can be issued, water and meat testing will need to be completed.
4. *Commercial Shellfish Regulations*: Crowley, Wakeman, Harold – No report presented this evening
5. *Oyster Bed Development*: Lanute, Thornton, Harold – No report presented this evening

IV. 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*

Correspondence between the applicant's engineer and the DEP has been received. The DEP has indicated that it will not approve a general permit, so the applicant may pursue the approval by way of an individual permit.

*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

No discussion

C. Sanitary Survey of Shoreline – Discussion

Thomas J. Steinke has prepared a draft RFP which he has submitted for review and comment to DA/BA, and the Fairfield Health and Public Works Departments. He is currently awaiting comment from those entities.

D. Country Club of Fairfield – 2009 Water Sampling Results Submitted to Conservation Department by Landtech Consultants, Inc. Pursuant to Inland Wetland Permit 2007-08-12 (irrigation system)

Thomas J. Steinke reported interim sampling results had been received and that there is quite a bit of variability in the samples.

E. Reopening of Fairfield Recreational Shellfishing

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

See Items I and II

F. Recreational Shellfishing Permits for 2010

See Items I and II

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CT DEP-OLISP, Application of Stuart Bell, Removal of Existing Timber Crib and Installation of Boat Lift, Personal Watercraft Lift, Davit and Ladder, at 340 Willow Street, Southport, CT

Thomas J. Steinke briefly outlined the application, noting its configuration is acceptable to DEP and consistent with past Shellfish Commission recommendations. He further recommends its endorsement.

Tim DeBartolomeo of Cuoco Structural Engineers explained that the plans are the same and contain the Shellfish Commissions previous recommendations. The only difference is an additional drawing showing the limits of the channel, the inclusion of which was requested by DEP.

Sally Harold *moved*, Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. *seconded* to endorse the application as presented. *Motion passed unanimously.*

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

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See Item I

VII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. 2009-2010 Budget Expenditure Status – Informational
- B. 2010-2011 Budget – Informational
- C. Shellfish Fund Balance – Informational
- D. License Permits issued through June 30, 2010 – Informational
- E. Concerns of William Schaefer Regarding Discharge into Mill River – The Commissioners discussed the makeup of the pollution, which Thomas J. Steinke noted was a mixture of natural and unnatural substances
- F. Website Statistics for June 2010 – Informational
- G. Phone calls for status of open or closed for June 2010 – Informational
- H. 2010 Shellfish Workshop – Presentation by Dale F. Leavitt, Roger Williams University: “Shellfish Culture: An Overview” – Informational
- I. Town of Westport Shellfish Commission Minutes of April 6, 2010 – Informational
- J. City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Minutes of June 10, 2010 – Informational
- K. UCONN – CT Sea Grant, Request for Shellfish Commission Participation in CSA Program Online Survey – Informational

VIII. OTHER

None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Sanford J. Wakeman Jr. *moved*, Sally Harold *seconded* to adjourn at 7:48 PM. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Monelli