

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2011**

The Shellfish Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on April 13, 2011 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, Chairman; Sanford J. Wakeman, Vice Chairman; Gregory D. Lanute, Secretary; Sally Harold; David Thornton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Raynor-Catropa, Paul Nelson

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas J. Steinke, Conservation Director

CALL TO ORDER: Edward Crowley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

I. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010

Sanford J. Wakeman *moved*, Sally Harold *seconded* to accept the minutes of March 9, 2010. *Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Committee Reports

1. *Clam Relay/Planting:* Crowley – Edward Crowley spoke with Gary Salce who agreed to run relays at no cost. Salce indicated there should be clams off of Southport Beach. He would need a water temperature of at least 50 degrees so he anticipates being able to do the relays later in spring.
2. *Water and Habitat Quality:* Wakeman, Harold, Raynor-Catropa – Sanford Wakeman met with DEP and DA/BA when he went to take samples in Southport Harbor. The state agencies were taking samples and completing a bacterial DNA analysis. Kristin Frank from DA/BA agreed to send the results to the Conservation Department.
3. *Permits and Access:* Thornton – No report presented this evening
4. *Commercial Shellfish Regulations:* Crowley, Wakeman, Harold – No report presented this evening
5. *Oyster Bed Development:* Lanute, Thornton, Harold – No report presented this evening

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sanitary Survey of Shoreline

Thomas J. Steinke reported that no bids were received on the revised RFP. There had been one inquiry from a retired town employee, however, pension regulations complicate his ability to be a contractor on the project.

Edward Crowley previously requested Thomas J. Steinke write to David Carey at DA/BA for suggestions as to finding a contractor to complete the survey. The town is without the resources do complete the survey internally.

Thomas J. Steinke suggested coordination with the DEP as it completes a similar survey in Westport. For what the survey entails, the cost would be about \$30,000 and take about 6 months. In addition, Thomas J. Steinke will walk the shoreline from the Westport line to Pine Creek Point to photograph and map outfall pipes. He discussed how sewage seeps from piping into waterways and some items that the survey would look for.

In addition, the DEP will soon enlarge and change the shape of the prohibited area around the sewage treatment plant outfall pipe. DEP completed dye tests which indicated the shape and scope of outfall water.

B. 2011-2012 Budget Request - Status

Thomas J. Steinke reported that some minor reductions may be made by the RTM, but that he expects an otherwise smooth budget approval process. He will be able to answer any inquiries presented by the RTM.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None

IV. INFORMATIONAL

A. CT Post Article published Sunday, March 27, 2011 - "When it Rains, it Pours Raw Sewage – Informational

B. 2010-2011 Budget Status – Informational

- C. Shellfish Fund Balance – Informational
- D. License Permits issued through March 31, 2011 – Informational
- E. Connecticut Shellfisheries Mapping Atlas – Informational
- F. Town of Fairfield Harbor Management Commission Draft Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2011 – Informational
- G. City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2011 – Informational
- H. Town of Westport Shellfish Commission Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011 – Informational
- I. Phone Calls for status of open or closed for March 2011 – 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 approximately 8:05 PM. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Monelli