

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2011**

The Shellfish Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on August 10, 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; Paul Nelson; David Thornton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sally Harold; Cathy Raynor-Catropa

**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 May 11, 2011

Sanford J. Wakeman *moved*, David Thornton *seconded* to accept the minutes of May 11, 2011. *Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Committee Reports

1. *Clam Relay/Planting:* Crowley – Edward Crowley spoke with the Salces about a possible relay off Southport or the Harbor. They will get back to him.
2. *Water and Habitat Quality:* Wakeman, Harold, Raynor-Catropa – No report presented this evening
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

No discussion

B. CT DEP-OLSIP Notice of Tentative Determination/Notice of Intent to Waive Public Hearing re: Application No. 200801979-TS of Randy Phelps, for the Removal of an Existing Dock and Construction of a New Dock at 241 Harbor Road, Fairfield, CT

Thomas J. Steinke discussed the history of the application and that the Shellfish Commission previously reviewed the application more than a year earlier. At that time, the recommendation was that the applicant use struts, but that was determined to be not feasible or efficient.

Thomas J. Steinke recommends approval conditioned upon the applicant removing the proposed float and ramp upon the request of the Shellfish Commission for Shellfish Management purposes.

Barbara Preyer, a neighbor, discussed her concerns with a fuel spill in Southport Harbor on July 7, 2011. She reported oil sludge on ducklings and shellfish near her home. She further presented an incident report from the Fairfield Fire Department indicating that a small diesel spill had occurred from a boat, that DEP was contacted, and nothing more could be done as the fuel would evaporate. At the time, Thomas J. Steinke had investigated and found no contamination.

Mrs. Preyer expressed concerns about the location of the proposed dock and that the area would have limited space for navigation if the proposed structure were built. Her concerns did not relate to the shellfish resource.

Edward Crowley referred her to the Harbor Management Commission and Thomas J. Steinke referred her to the DEP, where she could present her concerns in writing for the DEP to evaluate. He noted that the Fairfield commissions approve projects on an advisory basis and that DEP has final regulatory approval.

Paul Nelson *moved*, Sanford J. Wakeman *seconded* to approve the application with the condition of Thomas J. Steinke's recommendation at the float and ramp be removed upon request of the Shellfish Commission for Shellfish Management purposes. *Motion passed unanimously.*

C. US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Public Notice of the Reissuance of the Department of the Army Connecticut General Permit

Thomas J. Steinke noted that the ACOE general permit has been issued.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IV. INFORMATIONAL**

No comments on any informational items.

**V. OTHER**

None

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Sanford J. Wakeman moved, Gregory D. Lanute seconded to adjourn at approximately 7:58 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anthony Monelli