



TOWN OF MADISON  
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING    February 17, 2022    Madison Town Campus – Room A – 7:30 p.m

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Steve Nikituk, Meig Walz, Perry Rianhard, Kevin Clark. Absent was Dave Newton, Ted Raff.

Minutes from December 2021 - Motion by Steve Nikituk, and seconded by Kevin Clark Dave Newton to approve the minutes from the December 2021 meeting. This carried with one abstention (Eric Thal).

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper Bills: Steve submitted a bill for three years worth of Shellfish Commission Dock expenses totalling \$250. Newspaper Article in THE SOURCE: pieces of rubber tires are washing ashore on Meig's Point at Hammonasset State Beach; Other News: Eric Thal said our State Senator Christine Cohen received accolades for new laws for shellfish restoration; Meig Walz said that the Shellfish Commission Facebook page is up and ready for content like pictures and announcements, articles, videos, and historical gems, and have it be developed to become a resource for shellfish knowledge and perhaps sell licenses.
2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission--no report
3. Liaison with Guilford --no report.
4. 2022 Activities: a) DHHS Docker/Amenta students involvement with MSC- Steve said that Mike Docker from the high school wants to look at our steamer beds in April with the kids.
5. Clam Digs 2022 --Steve said thinking of a June clamdig this year.
6. Surf Clams --no report.

Commissioners' Reports – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer's Report – Commission balance is \$25,133.74
2. Commercial Leases – Kevin said he has not heard from the Bloom Brothers about the amount they owe on the invoice for their Guilford East River Lease. Meig Walz paid for her newly issued lease for an upweller at the town dock on the Neck River from May to September at \$150. a month. Meig also mentioned that the town's harbor master approved her plan to winter in side West Wharf from October 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, and summer in Tuxis area from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Manage Shellfish License, Regulations and Maps – Kevin said he received \$243.00 from Captain Morgan's Bair & Tackle for 9 licenses (5 residents, 2 non-residents, 2 senior).

Commissioners' Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Grady Status— Grady White is at Ridge Road for the winter.
2. Seaview Beach Steamer Beds – no report.
3. Manage weekend closings due to rainfall and rain gauge. – no report, everything is open.

Commissioners' Report – Meig Walz

1. Update Madison Shellfish Commission Shellfish Plan-- Meig said that Tessa Getchiss at UCONN Connecticut Aquaculture Extension Program is just looking for rules and regulations, not the whole plan.
2. Oyster Restoration Hammonasset River/Clinton Harbor--no report.

Commissioners' Report – Eric Thal – Eric mentioned that Kelp is getting popular in Block Island, just as it is in Branford with Bren Smith of Greenwave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Abigail White