



TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING October 21, 2021 Madison Town Campus – Room A – 7:00 p.m

Public Hearing was called to order at 7 pm. Present: Steve Nikituk, Ted Raff, Eric Thal, Lori Walz, Dave Newton, Perry Rianhard, Kevin Clark. Also present was Mike Gilman of Indian River Shellfishing, and Doug Schepack. A general discussion was held about Meig Walz's proposed leases to grow oysters: 1) Garnet Park putting an upweller in Bailey Creek and hang bags at Twin Coves; 2) Wintering in West Wharf; 3) Summer on the south side of Tuxis Island.

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes-- February 2020 – Motion by Steve Nikituk and seconded by Kevin Clark to approve the meeting minutes from February 2020. This was unanimously passed.

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper--no report
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- to be announced
- 5 Surf Clams --they are spawning now from the 20K seeds put in the south side of Whale Rock.
6. Clam Digs 2022 --Steve said thinking of 2 clamdigs next year.

Commissioners' Reports – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer's Report – no report
2. Commercial Leases – commercial leases are up to date but have to send out leases due for payment.
3. Manage Shellfish License, Regulations and Maps – Maps: Kevin said he was able to use the CT Blue Plan mapping component and GIS mapping layering of what you want to see.

Commissioners' Reports – Perry Rianhard

1. Grady Status— Grady White will go to Ridge Road for the winter. Kevin said a kill-switch law is now in effect.
2. Seaview Beach Steamer Beds – no report
3. Manage weekend closings due to rainfall and rain gauge. – he took the closed signs down for areas A, B, C, and asked Trent to change to recorded message to say everything is open but area D.

Commissioners' Report – Meig Walz

1. Update Madison Shellfish Commission Shellfish Plan-- Meig said she read the plan. Dave said that Tessa Getchiss at UCONN Connecticut Aquaculture Extension Program is looking for regulations.
2. Oyster Restoration Hammonasset River/Clinton Harbor--no report.

Commissioners' Reports –Eric Thal

1. Updated MSC Plan – no report
2. Kelp – no report

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Abigail White