

GROTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION-MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

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I - Call to order-elect a chairman-meeting was called to order and Commissioner Watts, nominated Commissioner Sherman to be the acting Chair, seconded by Commissioner Tobias, passed unanimously. Present were Commissioners Sherman, Watts, Tobias, McLaughlin, Kane and Warden Potter.

II - Comments from the Public-None

III - Secretary's Report- Acting Secretary Kane reported the minutes were emailed to all commissioners and delivered to the Town Clerk's Office. There were no comments on the minutes, Commissioner Watts moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sherman, passed unanimously.

IV – Treasurer's Report – Acting Treasurer Kane reported the income from the Town Clerk's Office (\$1,401.)), Police Department (\$1,788.00) and Ken's Tackle Shop (\$4,011.00). Current bills are Warden Conant (\$189.99-delivery of samples to Milford, gas for vessels etc.), Johnson's Hardware (\$8.96-bolts/signs-Bluff PT), Copy Cats (\$118.35-violation books), Verizon (\$38.51), Aeros Oysters (\$480.00). Commissioner Sherman stated he submitted Warden's wages. Commissioner Watts moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobias to accept the Treasurer's Report.

V – Correspondence – Commissioner Kane reported a request from Alissa Dragan, ST of CT, DA/BA on clam purchases for 2020.

VI – Old Business- A-Boat Status- Warden Potter report #1 Vessel needs tune up, Commissioner Sherman said he would contact Mystic River Boat Sales about repair, all other vessels on trailers at the CO-OP.

B – Warden's Compensation – The Commission will work with Town of Groton, Human Resources to raise the starting pay to \$16.50/hr. for new wardens and \$17.50/hr. for Senior Wardens. Moved by Commissioner Sherman and seconded by Commissioner Watts, passed unanimously. (It was noted that these rates are less than Stonington CT pay for their warden.)

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WOMAN CO-OP, 1000 ST. MARY ST.

1 - 1000 St. Mary St. - A woman was called to the door and Commissioner
Ward asked Commissioner Sherman to be the acting CO-OP, seconded by
Commissioner Tobias. Present were Commissioners
Sherman, Ward, Tobias, McLaughlin, Kane and Warren Potter.

1 - Comments from the Public - None

2 - Secretary's Report - Acting Secretary Kane reported the minutes were mailed
to all commissioners and delivered to the Town Clerk's Office. There were no
comments on the minutes. Commissioner Ward moved to accept the minutes,
seconded by Sherman, passed unanimously.

3 - Treasurer's Report - Acting Treasurer Kane reported the income from the
Town Clerk's Office (\$1,400.00), Police Department (\$1,780.00) and Kane's Office
(\$1,000.00). 6 items from the Warden's Office (\$189.99 delivery of 100 lbs
of white gas for vessels etc), Johnson's Hardware (\$8.00 delivery of 100 lbs
of white gas for vessels etc), Vernon (\$33.00), Aeros Oysters (\$460.00).
Commissioner Sherman stated he submitted Warden's wages. Commissioner
Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobias to accept the Treasurer's

Report.

4 - Commissioner Kane reported a request from AUSA Oregon
for 2020 AUSA on claim for losses for 2020.

5 - CO-OP Business - A-Boat Status - Warden Potter reported 11 Vessel needs and no
Commissioner Sherman said he would contact Mystic River Boat Sales about
repair all other vessels on trailers at the CO-OP.

6 - Warden's Commission - The Commission will work with Town of Gorton
to raise the starting pay to \$16.50/hr for new warden's.
\$17.50/hr for Senior Warden. Moved by Commissioner Sherman and seconded
by Commissioner Ward, passed unanimously. (It was noted that there were
two new warden's CO-OP on their warden.)

C – Water Sampling – All sampling is up to date with DA/BA as of 2SEPT.

D – Seed Clams – Commissioner Tobias reported he sent an email to ARC (Dennis MA) about our order. No response as of today, he will send another email to request a pick up date.

VII – New Business-A – Status of open Commissioner Slots. Commissioner Kane reported the Town Clerk has sent all paperwork on possible candidates to the Appointment Committee (Town Council).

B-Other-Commissioner Sherman said he would like to investigate possible failed septic systems in Palmer Cove Area. The ST of CT, DA/BA has closed Esker Point because of high fecal counts from water samples. According to Town of Groton records, one house on E Shore RD, (GLP) and several houses on Seneca DR, (Tanglewood) has not hooked up to town sewers. Some of these houses have water front property on Palmers Cove. The Commission will try to get some water samples in Palmer Cove and then request the Town (Ledge Light District) to investigate this area if there is evidence of a failed septic system. Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Sherman both feel if the Town loses this are to closure, the Town will find it very difficult to re-open this area with DA/BA-ST of CT.

VIII – Adjournment-Commissioner Watts moved to adjourn at 7:45PM, seconded by Commissioner Sherman, passed unanimously.

Submitted,  _____

Jay Kane, Acting Secretary

CC: Town Clerk, file

(DA/BA – DEPT of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture, State of Connecticut)