

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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Location: Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Marty Hallier, Dave DeBell, John Strell, Don Hennessey and Dave Steinhardt.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Tony Pulcinella.
3. The Minutes of November 12, 2024: On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by Dave DeBell, the Minutes of the Meeting were approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects – LWRD Consultation for the US Army of Corps of Engineers Stony Creek Dredging Project was reviewed. It was agreed that the necessary project can have an adverse impact on a shellfish area due to siltation from the dredging. The State should notify all the adjacent Shellfish Bed Owners as to what adverse effect their action may have as for siltation. In the Town's jurisdiction are Bed A,B,C, and D and Leased by Jonathan Waters and Beds PP1, PP2 and PP3 leased by Jack Creamer. On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by John Strell it was unanimously agreed as written.
5. Public Forum – Sean Reilly addressed the Commission regarding leasing beds. He will work with the Chairman to obtain a search permit. Mike Torelli addressed the Commission regarding available lots and expressed an interest in PP4. Andrew also addressed the Commission regarding Leasing opportunities. All three gentlemen will work with the Commissioners as appropriate to complete any paperwork and work through the process.
6. Communications with Bills –None.
7. Permit Activity – 2025 Permits are in stock. Issued 1 Senior and 2 Resident Permits for a total of \$10.
8. Budget Report – was presented to the Commissioners.
9. Enforcement – No actions.
10. Update on Lease Collections – No update.
11. Old Business – None.
12. New Business – None.
13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk