

Branford Shellfish Commission

Established 1987

Town of Branford, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

Time: 5:00 PM

1. Attendance: Tony Pulcinella, Marty Hallier, John Strell, Don Hennessey, Peter Graves and Dave Steinhardt.
2. The Meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Tony Pulcinella.
3. The Minutes of June 4, 2024: On a motion by Marty Hallier, seconded by John Strell, the Minutes of the Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Review Dock Applications and Shellfish Bed Impact Projects John Lust and Jim Wickham presented 3 projects to the Commission. Island Destinations (Cut in Two) pedestrian bridge: The historic structure was previously restored. It is now leaning and the situation is deteriorating. After extensive discussion, it was determined that the project will not have a detrimental effect on the shellfish area. On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Don Hennessey, it was unanimously approved. The next project was for Steve Wheeler at 2 Esther Place for a new pier, ramp and float which had been previously approved, but had expired. There are no designated beds as it is a prohibited area. On a motion by Marty Hallier and seconded by Dave Steinhardt, it was unanimously agreed that it will not adversely impact a shellfish area. The last project, from Auriga II LLC is regarding the access to Clam Island by the residents via access on Linden Avenue. The current system with pulleys is outdated and difficult for the residents and is being updated. Extensive discussion ensued to assure the Commissioners that the pulleys and pilings being abandoned are being removed as part of the project. The motion indicating that this project will not adversely impact a shellfish area is effective when drawings are received indicating the removal of the existing pilings has been put forth by Dave Steinhardt and seconded by Marty Hallier. It was unanimously approved. Note that paperwork was received for a project at 51 Flying Point Road, but that project was not presented to the BSC.
5. Public Forum –Jack Creamer addressed the Board regarding some additional Leasing opportunities. He submitted an application to Lease Bed 546 (21.3 acres). On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Don Hennessey, it was unanimously accepted/approved. Tony Pulcinella will prepare the Lease and be in contact with Mr. Creamer.
6. Communications with Bills –CW Shellfish Invoice 2182, dated 6/15/24 in the amount of \$3150.00 for Clam Restocking. On a motion from Marty Hallier, seconded by John

Strell, the Invoice was unanimously approved for payment. Goody's Invoice B1184945, dated 7/6/24 for 29 1.5" rings (to be given out as needed with licenses) in the amount of \$46.11 was presented. On a motion from Marty Hallier, seconded by Dave Steinhardt, the invoice was unanimously approved for payment.

7. Permit Activity – Calendar Year to Date – \$580 in Permit Revenue has been received.
8. Budget Report – An updated report was presented to the Commission.
9. Enforcement – No activity.
10. Update on Lease Collections – 1 Check received -- \$164.00 from Jack Creamer for the Mulberry Point P P 1,2,3.
11. Old Business – Tony Pulcinella brought the Commission up to date on the Off Shore Shellfish Bed off Rogers Island he is working to establish.
12. New Business – The RTM is meeting tomorrow night (7/10/24) at 8:00 pm at the Branford Fire Headquarters. On the Agenda is a discussion regarding the potential Harbor Management Commission.
13. Adjournment – On a motion by Dave Steinhardt, seconded by Marty Hallier, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk