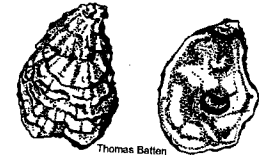


Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting



January 13, 2009

Present: Roger Bowgen, Chairman; Sue Baker; Bill Fossum; Bill Gremp; Rick Kral; Carol Rogers, Shellfish Coordinator

Absent: Walton Alder; Bill Cameron; Frank Cantelmo; Peter Janis

Guests: Michael Long, Michael Aurelia

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM.

1. Minutes – The minutes from the November 5, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Coordinator's Report – Carol sampled a number of times due to the sewage bypass from the force main break in Cos Cob. She submitted a few batches of clams. The water samples taken on December 29, 2008 were clean and the beds were reopened. Roger reported that John Asch has taken the old shellfish boat and will be using it in his position as harbormaster.
3. Treasurer's Report – No treasurer's report this month.
4. Scholarship – will discuss this when Frank and Peter are present.
5. Shellfish Cooking Event/Shellfish Demo – Bill C not here to discuss cooking event. Potential for a shellfish demonstration on March 21, 2009.
6. Experience the Sound 2009 – The event is set for Saturday May 16, 2009. Roger will start putting together a list and letters to go out.
7. Sewer Break – What is the responsibility of the Shellfish Commission – Michael Long said that the main responsibility is that the beds are closed when necessary and that the shellfish/water sampling that is needed is performed so the beds can open as soon as possible. Shellfish Signage – Michael Long has been in touch with Aquaculture and they will be reviewing the locations they currently have posted and add the sites recommended by the Commission. The signs are in English and Spanish and will be posted by Aquaculture at the end of the month, if possible.
8. Dock Permits – Roger has a couple permit requests for docks that the DEP has forwarded for comments Jiminez at 51 Glen Avon Drive and Anderson.
9. DVD – Roger reported that John Motay has just about finished his revisions to the educational DVD. John would like to present it in February or early March at the Perrot Library.
10. Town Coastal Resources/Harbor Management, Old Greenwich Yacht Club Moorings – Roger said that they are waiting on the completion of a mooring map.
11. Oysters Cos Cob – New Oysters – Sue Baker reported that the high school students have performed ten sets of water samplings along with a partial count. Paul Ludwig is the teacher and Sue will try to get him or the students to report their findings.

Oyster bed openings – Roger asked the Commission what they thought of doing a partial opening of the oyster beds. Roger has seen a large number of oysters of all sizes around. After a discussion Sue made a motion – Open the recreational beds to oystering on March 1, 2009 through the remainder of the season and set the limits in accordance with the Shellfish Regulations. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

12. Mianus River Survey/ Shellfish Beds – will discuss when Ed and/or Jardar are present.
13. West Way – Roger said that Ed Stilwagen will place cultch in the area for oysters to grow.
14. Queen Anne Building – Sue Baker said that decisions on the interior of the structure would not likely happen until the summer. Roger would like the Commission to discuss what they want to do and what amount of money would be dedicated.
15. New Business – none

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 17, 2009 @ 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Michael Long