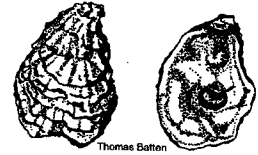


## Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting



November 5, 2008

Present: Roger Bowgen, Chairman; Walton Alder; Sue Baker; Bill Cameron; Frank Cantelmo; Bill Fossum; Bill Gremp; Peter Janis; Rick Kral; Carol Rogers, Shellfish Coordinator

Absent: Carol Rogers, Shellfish Coordinator

Guests: Michael Long, Michael Aurelia, Ed Stilwagen, Jardar Nygaard

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

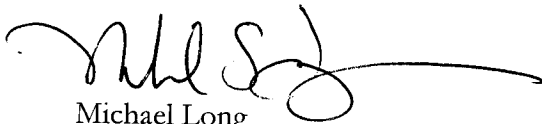
1. Minutes – The minutes from the October 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Coordinator's Report – Sue Baker reported that Carol sampled this week to open the recreational beds for the season. Roger said that he is trying to get the Harbormaster to take a look at the old boat to see if they want it.
3. Treasurer's Report – Walt reported that there is \$28,436.52 available in the operating account and \$232,740.87 in the receipt account. Roger said that in January 2009 terms are up for the following members – Roger Bowgen, Sue Baker, Walton Alder and Peter Janis. For those wishing to stay on Roger has the forms that need to be filled out and submitted to the Selectman's Office.
4. Scholarship – Peter spoke with people from the Greenwich Scholarship Association about how they run their program and if they would be interested in the shellfish scholarship. They award scholarships based on merit and need but if they took on the shellfish scholarship they would want to be able to shift the area of study if there was no interest in shellfish. The Commission is limited by state statute on how the money can be used. Peter will approach the GSA again laying out what the Commission's limitations are and present it to them.
5. Atlantic Clam Farms Agreement 2008/09 – The commission moved to vote on renewal of Ed Stilwagen's contract for this season. The motion was seconded and approved by all. All necessary insurance paperwork has been submitted.
6. Mini Experience the Sound – The event is set for Sunday November 9, 2008 from 11:30 AM – 3PM. Ed Stilwagen and Jardar will have their boats at the Old Greenwich Yacht Club dock. Sue Baker contacted the newspapers.
7. Doall Project – Frank Cantelmo reported that in January Michael Doall will present data.
8. Permits/ Wardens – Bill Fossum will look to schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.
9. Education – see 11.
10. Town Coastal Resources/Harbor Management, Old Greenwich Yacht Club Moorings – Rick Kral said they are moving ahead in putting together a Harbor Management Plan. He also reported that a new Coast Guard Auxiliary will be "planked" on Saturday (11/8). Roger is trying to set up a meeting with OGYC, Ed Stilwagen and himself this weekend to discuss the moorings.

11. Oysters Cos Cob – New Oysters – Mianus River Survey – Sue Baker reported the Greenwich High school biology classes will be doing studies of the oysters under I-95. The studies will include population densities and water quality analysis. Roger wondered if this area could be used as a long term study area for other schools as well. Jardar said that the larger oysters (>2.75”) could not be relocated according to state regulations and would need to remain in place. Sue Baker will contact the head of the Marine Biology Department at Greenwich High School. A motion was made to utilize the area under the I-95 bridge (near Bush Holley House) for high school education purposes in 08-09 and reassess each year. The motion was seconded and all approved.

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12. Mianus River Survey/ Shellfish Beds – Roger posed the question of how the Commission could best use the shellfish resources in the Mianus River. Discussion ensued of various shellfish areas in this restricted area. Ed Stilwagen suggested doing some shellfish transplants from this area, which could perform two functions making shellfish available and removing silt from the area through the removal process. Roger asked Ed if he could outline his idea in writing and submit it to the Commission for consideration.
13. West Way – Roger and Bill Cameron will meet with the property owner on Saturday (11/8) to look at the area they would like to place oysters.
14. Shellfish Cooking Demonstration – Bill Cameron stated that he would like to hold the event on a Monday night in January. He will work out the details with Rick Kral.
15. Queen Anne Building – Sue Baker said that a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town has been drawn and they will move forward.
16. New Business – none

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Michael Long