



## Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting



October 7, 2008

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

Absent: Bill Grempe; Rick Kral

Guests: Michael Long, Michael Aurelia, Ed Stilwagen

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

1. September 2008 minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Coordinator's Report - Carol sampled on September 10 and resampled on September 17 due to high counts. She went out and sampled again this morning. Carol noted that she saw someone shellfishing between Shell and Shore Islands. She informed him that the area was not approved for shellfishing. She reported that the shellfish boat is running well and has an appointment for routine servicing at Beacon Point at the end of the month. Carol will give Roger the extra boat key so it will be available if needed.
3. Treasurer's Report – no report
4. Scholarship – Roger has spoken to Mr. Webber and he was not able to make it to the meeting this month, but will try to make it for next month. Frank Cantelmo said he has a graduate student with the New York Marine Sciences Consortium that he would like to have present research to the Commission. He asked if a scholarship could go to out of town students? Discussion ensued on how a scholarship could move forward. Parameters for the scholarship need to be established. Aside from a scholarship Frank was thinking of a recognition award to students for their work. Peter and Frank will work on putting something together. Walt suggested contacting the Greenwich Scholarship Association for wording of their scholarships.
5. Mini Experience the Sound – Roger said they had a successful outing with the Girl Scouts. For the mini event Norm Bloom, Ed Stilwagen and Jardar Nygaard are interested in bringing their boats. The date for the mini event will be Sunday November 9, 2008 from 12 PM – 3 PM. Roger will look into advertising.
6. Doall Project – Roger has been in contact with Michael Doall and will work out the payments and deliverables to meet the contract between now and August 2009.
7. Permits/ Wardens – Permits have been given to the Town Clerk's office. Peter will get some over to the Sportsmans Den. Bill Fossum handed out a warden schedule, he has 29 wardens registered. He is looking to have a warden meeting at the beginning of November. Roger told Bill to speak with Jay Loudon who said he has a group of friends who could warden. Roger stated that the state can provide "Shellfishing Prohibited" signs for posting in areas like the Mill Pond, Sewage Treatment Plant, Steamboat Road. He will check to see if these signs come in Spanish also.
8. Education - DVD retool – Roger said that John will have the DVD revision for the next meeting.

9. Town Coastal Resources/Harbor Management, Old Greenwich Yacht Club Moorings – There is a meeting planned with Harbor Management, OGYC, members of the Shellfish Commission and Ed Stilwagen to discuss what had occurred this past May with the moorings.
10. Oysters Cos Cob – New Oysters – Mianus River Survey – Sue Baker reported that after looking at the area of heavy oyster growth under I-95 near the Bush Holly House she spoke to folks at Greenwich High School to design a project for studying and relocating the oysters. Frank and Sue will work on the project. Roger reported that he had spoken with Jardar about doing another oyster survey on the Mianus River.
11. West Way – Roger and Bill Cameron will meet with the property owner to take a look at the area they want to place oysters for suitability purposes.
12. Shellfish Cooking Demonstration – Bill Cameron handed out an idea for a cooking demonstration. His idea is for cooking clam chowder some Monday night in January at the Water Club. Sue moved that the Commission move forward and all approved.
13. Queen Anne Building – Sue Baker said that the agreement for the building is currently in the Law Department for approval.
14. New Business – Ed Stilwagen suggested that the renewal of the clam farming agreement be started to avoid any delays.

The next meeting will be on November 5, 2008 in the Evaristo Room at 5:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Michael Long