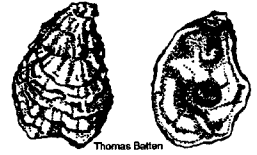


## Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting



September 8, 2009

Present: Roger Bowgen, Chairman; Walton Alder; Sue Baker; Bill Cameron; Frank Cantelmo; Bill Grempe; Rick Kral;

Absent: Bill Fossum; Peter Janis; Carol Rogers, Shellfish Coordinator

Guests: Michael Long, Ed Stilwagen, Jardar Nygaard

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

Minutes – The minutes from the June 16, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Coordinator's Report – Carol was not in but Walt reported that the boat cover was completed and is stored on the boat.

Treasurer's Report – Walt stated that the Operating Account has \$59,716 and overall the Commission has \$273,201.57. Roger handed out a copy of the annual report to the Commission.

Seasonal Opening Demonstration – Dates were talked about and November 15, 2009 @ 2PM was agreed on. Ed said that he could bring his boat and also said that Norm Bloom could if the tide is not too low.

Oyster Beds – It was agreed that the Commission would take a look at the oyster population in the Cove in the coming month and make a decision on opening the beds for harvest for the 2009-2010 season.

Oysters in Cos Cob – Bill Grempe and Sue met with Kathleen Koke of the Greenwich Country Day School. They are willing to work on the oyster project there this year. Roger spoke with the Brunswick School about taking over the following year. Roger will be writing a letter to Greenwich Country Day to request their commitment and details of their project. Jardar brought oyster and clam samples from this area to Milford for testing. The results will take about 5 weeks. It was determined that the Commission will wait for the results to come back before deciding the next steps. Rick noted that the proposed dredging project in the Mianus is still at least two to five years away and is heavily dependent on funding. Roger asked Jardar and Ed to put together their ideas of how to use this area.

Queen Anne Building – Sue and Frank will work on setting up a meeting to discuss what the Bruce Museum is hoping to get out of what money they are putting forward.

Michael Doall – Roger said that Michael Doall expressed interest in continuing testing in the Cove. The Commission decided that they would need to see what tests he is looking to conduct and how much they will cost before a decision could be made.

Use of Shellfish Boat for Education purposes - A general discussion ensued as to how the boat could best be used for this purpose. It was determined that subject to the correct insurance coverage, as per the Town of Greenwich's requirements being in place, a limited use of the boat for education purposes with senior high school students in small groups could be possible. This all to be approved on a case by case basis. Step one towards this goal being to ascertain what insurance coverage is in place at this time and who can currently officially operate the boat.

Pier / Jetty approvals per DEP requirements - As these are received it was agreed that physical inspection of the sites may be necessary by Shellfish Commission members prior to signing off/approval as per on the DEP 's request.

Recreational Greenwich Cove bed re stocking prior season opening. Ed Stilwagen will drop off clams from the barge close to the shore line, prior the start of the season, to ensure ample availability of clams for recreational shellfishing. He will call Milford to ensure any permits, that may be required, are completed prior this operation.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.45 pm .The next meeting to be held on October 13 at 5.30pm

Roger Bowgen  
Michael Long