

TOWN OF CLINTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 6, 2025 – TUES 7:00 PM
CLINTON POLICE DEPT COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Present: Wayne Church, Wesley Kavanagh, Allen Murphy, James Smith and Al Walker

Not Present: Mike Corcoran, Jerome Warner and volunteer John Vanderwerff

Volunteer(s):

Guest(s): Mike Fanning, 27 Jefferson Circle, Clinton CT 06413

CALLED TO ORDER

W. Church called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A. Walker and unanimously approved minutes from April 1, 2025 meeting.

FINANCIAL-Current

A. Walker made a motion, seconded by J. Smith and unanimously approved the following expenses:

W. Kavanagh Ref: Milage	\$64.40 (submitted to finance 5/7)
W. Church Ref: Antenna Mount for boat	Approx \$70 (not to exceed \$80) expense report needs to be summited.

FINANCIAL-Outstanding

None

RECREATIONAL

2025 Shellfish Lics / Kits Sales

APR	KITS	RES	RES-SR/MIL	NON-RES	NON-RES SR/MIL
Town Hall			3		
Web Sales	2	3	1	2	

NOTE: From 12/1/24 thru 5/2/25 license sales combined from Town Clerk and Web:

62 purchased total income \$1,776.75

All of these purchases have been offered a refund via letter mailed out on Fri 5/2/25, due to the closure of Shellfishing from May 1, 2025 through Oct 31,2025.

Licenses must be returned in order to receive a refund.

- Patrolling Report: Patrolling was performed and all had licenses.

LEASING/COMMERCIAL

A. Walker made a motion, seconded by W. Kavanagh and unanimously approved to renew the lease with Indian River Shellfish. This is 6.6 Acres in the Hammonasset River. Lease will be for four (4) years at \$35.00 per acres, per year.

REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE

- A.Walker reported: Recent water sampling testing has shown good results after last rain event.
- Testing will continue as normal during shellfishing closure.
- Shellfish Handout review postponed to June 2025.

OTHER

- A.Walker noted the bilge pump in the boat may not be working properly as he found water in the boat.
- There was a discussion about the Bureau of Aquaculture 8/27/24 email from Dave Carey to W. Church announcing Closure from 5/1/25 through 10/31/25 and next steps during the closure.
 - Concerns were expressed by commissioners to the lack of communication from Chair W.Church to commissioners for advance warning of closure.
 - Discussion on continued water sampling and stocking in areas A&B in addition to Shore Rd and ways to move forward with opening Shore Rd as shellfishing area.
- W. Church to review budget balance in determining amount to spend on purchase of seed/clams for restocking as well as talking with supplier on current pricing.
- Discussion on weather station maintenance in regard to maintenance/repairs on a as needed basis vs set schedule. Last maintenance was 12/19/24 due to rain gauge not working properly caused by clogged screen.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

- CRAD next steps
- Timeline for Shore Rd area
- Review budget closeout
- Commissioner Elections

ADJOURN MEETING

A.Walker made a motion, seconded by J. Smith and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 8:08pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Larsen, Clerk

2025 Constable Schedule:			
04/06/25	thru	04/12/25	Jim Smith
04/13/25	thru	04/19/25	Wes Kavanaugh
04/20/25	thru	04/26/25	Mike Corcoran
04/27/25	thru	05/03/25	Allen Murphy
05/04/25	thru	05/10/25	Al Walker
05/11/25	thru	05/17/25	Wayne Church
05/18/25	thru	05/24/25	Jerry Warner
05/25/25	thru	05/31/25	Jim Smith
06/01/25	thru	06/07/25	Wes Kavanaugh
06/08/25	thru	06/14/25	Mike Corcoran
06/15/25	thru	06/21/25	Allen Murphy
06/22/25	thru	06/28/25	Al Walker
06/29/25	thru	07/05/25	Wayne Church
07/06/25	thru	07/12/25	Jerry Warner
07/13/25	thru	07/19/25	Jim Smith
07/20/25	thru	07/26/25	Wes Kavanaugh
07/27/25	thru	08/02/25	Mike Corcoran
08/03/25	thru	08/09/25	Allen Murphy
08/10/25	thru	08/16/25	Al Walker
08/17/25	thru	08/23/25	Wayne Church
08/24/25	thru	08/30/25	Jerry Warner
08/31/25	thru	09/06/25	Jim Smith
09/07/25	thru	09/13/25	Wes Kavanaugh
09/14/25	thru	09/20/25	Mike Corcoran
09/21/25	thru	09/27/25	Allen Murphy
09/28/25	thru	10/04/25	Al Walker
10/05/25	thru	10/11/25	Wayne Church
10/12/25	thru	10/18/25	Jerry Warner
10/19/25	thru	10/25/25	Jim Smith

2025 Meetings Schedule			
01/07/25			
02/04/25			
03/04/25			
04/01/25	Chg to GREEN ROOM		
05/06/25			
06/03/25			
07/01/25			
08/05/25			
09/02/25			
10/07/25			
11/04/25			
12/02/25			

2025 Weather Station Maintenance			
12/19/24	Wayne & Wes Completed		
Mid Mar 2025			
Mid Sept 2025			