

TOWN OF CLINTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING
SEPT 2, 2025 – TUES 7:00 PM
CLINTON POLICE DEPT COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Present: Mike Corcoran, Mike Fanning, Wesley Kavanagh, Allen Murphy, James Smith and Al Walker, John Vander Werff

Not Present: N/A

Volunteer(s): None

Guest(s): None

CALLED TO ORDER

A. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by M. Corcoran and unanimously approved minutes from June 3, 2025 meeting.

FINANCIAL-Current

- W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by J. Vander Werff and unanimously approved the following expenses:

W. Kavanagh	\$103.60	Jul Milage
W. Kavanagh	\$ 51.80	Aug Milage
M. Corcoran	\$ 28.79	Misc Items for boat

- Discussion on current budget balance. M. Larsen will request from finance dept an update of previous and current budgets; along with confirming the most recent clam invoices.
- W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A. Murphy and unanimously approved to purchase boat seat and anchor lock covers based on quotes M. Corcoran has which are under \$600.00 and once commission confirms there are funds in the budget to purchase.

FINANCIAL-Outstanding

It's been determined Boat Registration is not necessary if boat is clearly marked/identifiable with decal(s) noting "Shellfish Commission". Removal of registration numbers and addition of ID Decals is slated for next season, as registration for this year was already paid.

RECREATIONAL

- 13 out of 62 purchased 2025 Licenses have been refunded in total \$425.25
- Suggestion was made to consider a 14 month License (11/25-12/31/26), regarding new license sales in Nov 2025. Decision will be determined if beds reopen in Nov 2025.
- Patrolling Report: nothing to report

- Stocking of clams will be in late Sept 2025, early Oct 2025.
- Concern was expressed regarding the Clinton Fireworks which was held 8/23/25. The fireworks themselves left a lot of firework- shells/paper littering the parking lot, ***plus large concern of contamination in the water.***
- J. Vander Werff gave an update regarding the Shellfish handout; final version will be ready for Oct 2025 meeting.

LEASING/COMMERCIAL

- At May's meeting, 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 acre /per year. A. Walker to follow-up with Mike from Indian River to see if they ever received a new invoice for 2025 – 2029 from W. Church.

REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE

- Water testing will be performed after the next good rainfall.

OTHER

- M. Fanning and J. Vander Werff were announced/welcomed as new commissioners.
- Brief discussion on CRAD (CT River Area Health District). To continue discussing next month.
- Brief discussion on items returned from W.Church. Items were left in Shellfish trailer; there was uncertainty if everything that needed to be returned was.
- Discussion regarding Shore Road area; survey needs to be conducted for mean high water line, to determine where signs could be placed legally (not on homeowner's personal property).
- W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A. Murphy and unanimously approved to open nominations for new Chairperson of Shellfish Commission. A. Walker and M. Corcoran were nominated.
- W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A. Murphy and unanimously approved to close nominations for new Chairperson of Shellfish Commission.
- W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A. Murphy and unanimously approved voting of A. Walker as new Chairperson and M. Corcoran as new Vice Chairperson of Shellfish Commission.

ADJOURN MEETING

W. Kavanagh made a motion, seconded by A Murphy and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm.

Submitted by:
Monica Larsen, Clerk

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

2025 Meetings Schedule			
01/07/25			
02/04/25			
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2025 Weather Station Maintenance			
12/19/24			Wayne & Wes Completed