Town of Old Lyme, Old Lyme, Conn. 06371

Shellfish Commission

Minutes of the Old Lyme Shellfish Commission Annual Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm August 8, 2015 at the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. Attendees were Mervin F. Roberts, Chairman, John D. Seckla, Treasurer, and David W. Redfield, Secretary. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roberts/Seckla (3-0)

2. Chairman's Report: The purpose of our commission is a). to protect our shellfish resources, b) to provide education to those interested in the extent and importance of the towns' shellfish resources and c) as far as possible, to improve that resource.
3. Treasurers' Report: There is a balance of $1,182.15
4. Election of Officers: It was moved that the officers be elected, without change. Chairman, Mervin F. Roberts, Treasurer, John D. Seckla, Secretary, David W. Redfield. Redfield-Seckla (3-0)
5. New Business: The Chairman announced that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (Marine Fisheries Division) is exploring the possibility of encouraging the introduction and expansion of Bay Scallops in Connecticut waters. The Old Lyme Shellfish Commission will closely follow this endeavor and determine if perhaps we can broaden our assets in this area or whether the DEEP will frustrate developement as they have in the past with other shellfish here in the waters of Old Lyme. Discussion ensued involving our mission effectiveness. It was recommended that we three commissioners actively seek interested and able younger persons who might be more effective in expanding the development of our shellfish resource potential since the commission is getting older and perhaps less efficient.--The caveat expressed is that the default result can well be the assumption of the towns' functions by Hartford and a consequent diminuition of the towns' authority and assets.
6. Old Business: none
7. Public comment: none
8. Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was made at 8:33pm, Seckla/Redfield (3-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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SECRETARY, OLD LYME SHELLFISH COMM.

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