MINUTES
OLD LYME SHELLFISH COMMISSION
TOWN OF OLD LYME
JANUARY 16, 2019

Agenda: Meeting with Mr. David Carey, Director of Connecticut State Department of Agriculture, Milford and two of his staff, who visited to help get us started with an Aquaculture program.

Present: Todd Machnik, Chair and Mervin Roberts, Secretary. John Seckla, Treasurer was absent, but has been kept informed.

Guests: Mrs. Bonnie Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman

We learned that Connecticut State oversight has been taken from the DEEP and reassigned to the Aquaculture Office of the Department of Agriculture in Milford which, thirty years ago, had jurisdiction over town Shellfish Commissions. Unfortunately, that arrangement did not work for Old Lyme and our resource, mostly in or influenced by septic pollution in the Connecticut River, languished.

Mr. Carey explained that our waters could be utilized as grow-out for caged cultch grow-out by licensed clam or oyster growers who had clean waters elsewhere where the caged bivalves could be relayed for final growth before harvest. Eventually, a recreational program is also envisioned.

This meeting took one hour and all parties agreed to proceed as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,
Mervin F. Roberts, Secretary