

**Town of New Shoreham**

**Shellfish Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday November 10, 2015**

**In attendance: Joseph Fallon, Ravi Banerjee, John Swienton, Paige Gaffett**

**Tracy Fredericks-Clerk, and Rene Myer, Block Island Times.**

**Absent: Chair, Lois Bendokas, Vice Chair, Renwick Tweedy**

**In Chair, Bendokas absence, member Fallon called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.**

**1. Public Input-No public input**

**2. Approval of meeting Minutes August 11, 2015-Banerjee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Fallon seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 2**

**3. Committee Reports**

**a. Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden –Fredericks gave a quick update on the harbor and that Land and Fredericks are checking shellfish licenses, Ziomek has left the island for the Season. Fallon said he**

heard that Chris Littlefield is doing a scallop survey and if we knew anything about it. Fredericks said we did not.

b. Chair Report-no report

c. Education and Enforcement-no report

4. Commission Appointments- Fredericks explained that she sent everyone an email asking if they wished to continue their appointment with the Shellfish Commission. That this information and the attendance records is requested by the Town Council.

5. Commercial Shellfish Licenses- Fredericks read the list of Commercial Shellfish License Applicants:

Joe Fallon

Charles Gale

Jon Grant

Eric Gustafson

Frederick Howarth

Chris Littlefiel

Douglas Michel

James Nelson

**Michael Swanson**

**The committee did not see any issues with the applicants. The committee recommends the Town Council approve the commercial shellfish applications.**

**6. John Swinton Letter- The letter written to John Swinton was handed out. John Swinton said he did not wish to remain on the Commission. Fredericks will submit a resignation letter to the Town Council.**

**7. Communications: Follow up on procedure for establishing the specific responsibilities and authority conferred upon the Shellfish Commission/Town of New Shoreham by the Rhode Island DEM and the Rhode Island CRMC.-No one from the commission has heard from Bendokas. Fredericks will email her again to ask if she has made any progress on this.**

**8. Communications: No communication**

**Fallon made motion to adjourn, Banerjee seconded. The motion passed.**

**Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 2**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Tracy Fredericks**

**11/15/2015**