

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ATLANTIC COAST SECTION OF THE NJ SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL MEETING

Nacote Creek Law Enforcement
Port Republic, NJ
November 14, 2016

Present were: Chairman: John J. Maxwell (Atlantic County)
 Vice Chairman: Walter L. Johnson III (Ocean County)
 Councilman: Vacant (Cape May County)
 Councilman: Vacant (Burlington County)

Absent was: Councilman: Walter Hughes (Monmouth County)

DEP Representatives: Jeffrey C. Normant, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Jenny Tomko, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Lloyd Lomelino, Bureau of Shellfisheries

Mr. Normant read the State’s compliance with the Sunshine Law and announced that the meeting would be recorded. Notice was filed with the Secretary of State Office and newspapers designated by the Department.

1. Total Revenue for October 2016: \$ 1,988.62
 Shellfisheries Law Enforcement Fund: \$ 1,355.00

2. Presentation of September 19 and October 17, 2016 minutes for approval.

The September 19 and October 17, 2016 minutes were presented for consideration and approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, which was seconded by Mr. Maxwell.

3. Applications for Transfer

LESSEE	APPLICANT	LOT #	SECTION	ACRES	LOCATION	MAP#
Thomas Marks	Dale S. Parsons	1440	B	2.0	Middle Is.	6.1
Steve Baugh	Dale S. Parsons	1442	B	2.0	Middle Is.	6.1

Without discussion the lease transfers were approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, which was seconded by Mr. Maxwell.

4. Old Business

Leasing Committee

Ms. Tomko announced there would be an Atlantic Coast Section of the NJ Shellfisheries Council’s Leasing Committee Meeting on December 15 at 9:00 am at the Nacote Creek Law Enforcement Office. Mr. Normant informed the Council that the two subcommittees (leasing policy and regulations) will be reporting back to the full committee for input on their recommendations. The Shellfish Council would review the recommendations of the Committee for approval on January 9th. Mr. Normant stated he was hopeful that the regulatory package for revisions to the shellfish regulations would go forward in the 2017.

Council Appointments

Mr. Johnson made a motion to submit a letter to the Governor’s Office in request to fill the vacant seats on the Atlantic Coast Shellfisheries Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maxwell.

Shellfish Growing Water Classification Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:12)

Mr. Johnson stated the Council needed to continue to stay involved in the Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring (BMWM) Shellfish Growing Water Classification Rule (N.J.A.C 7:12) development process. Mr. Johnson mentioned he had received negative feedback from other stakeholders pertaining to the new rule changes that were adopted in September and the time constraints regarding the submission and review of comments.

5. New Business:

Lease Renewals

Mr. Normant informed Council that all lease renewals must be completed by December 31. Mr. Normant also reminded Council that Kathy Smallwood would be retiring and that the front office will be short-staffed in upcoming months until her position can be filled.

Letter to Department of Agriculture

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to submit a letter to Monique Purcell from the Department of Agriculture (NJDA) to recognize Amanda Wenzel for her efforts assisting shellfish aquaculture growers with completing the Aquatic Farmer License Application, the BMWM aquaculture permits and structural aquaculture permits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

6. Date, time and place of next meeting:

DATE: December 19, 2016
TIME: 7 PM
LOCATION: Law Enforcement Office
360 New York Rd. Rte. Port Republic, NJ 08241