

# ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:  
MARY FLYNN, PARKS & REC COMM.  
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER  
[To be named], POLICE



Green's Ledge Light

## Minutes of June 15, 2016 Meeting

**The meeting, held in Town Hall, Room 213, was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Huffard.**

Present were: Commissioners Huffard (Chairman), Cavers (Vice Chairman), Vilter (Clerk), Balloch, Barret, Dever, Jewett, Kahn, Lochtefeld, Weil and Harbor Master Bell (Ex-Officio).

Absent were: Commissioner Kemp and Mary Flynn (Ex-Officio).

The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Huffard reported that the Connecticut Port Authority, a quasi-public agency created through legislation in 2014, is developing a comprehensive maritime strategy for Connecticut. The Authority has been meeting with port officials throughout the state. It is not anticipated that new activities being undertaken by the Authority will impact the workings of this Commission.

### HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

- Harbor Master Bell reported that the Town will have five new buoys, and some of the buoys have been installed.
- Harbor Master Bell also reported that the Darien Maritime Police are patrolling the "no wake zone".

### SHELLFISH

- Commissioner Kahn reported that surveys have been completed concerning shell fishing in local waters.
- Commissioner Kahn updated the Commission on recent discussions he had with Bud Reilly the Commission's prior leader for shell fishing. Mr. Reilly provided background on the Darien Shellfishing Co-Management Agreement with Tim Pramer. This included provision of the agreement which provide for the transfer of 50 bushels of seeding clams to Darien beds.
- Commissioner Kahn then led a discussion on ways that shellfishing be improved in Darien waters. It was suggested to improve signage for approved shellfishing areas. Also, it was discussed to relocate the marker for the Great Contentment Island approved shellfishing area which is believed to be in the wrong location.
- Lastly, Commissioner Kahn noted that he would have a follow-up conversation with Mr. Pramer to discuss the transfer of seeding claims to Darien shellfishing beds.

### **TASK FORCES**

- Water Quality – status update
  - The Commission still seeks possible avenues of funding from the Town of Darien to conduct water testing.
- Rock Hazard – status update
  - Commissioner Lochtefeld reported that he, Chairman Huffard and Harbor Master Bell conducted an informal survey of rock hazards and considered possible locations to install rock hazard buoys. One possible location might be the east side of Long Neck Point. Another possible location is just off of Nash Island. It was also noted that the Commission would require funding in order to purchase such buoys.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Harbor Master Bell reported that the Darien Boy Scouts are assisting him on a survey of boat moorings. The survey involved the cross-checking of names with issued permits.
- Draft Northeast Ocean Plan
  - Vice Chairman Cavers reported that the Northeast Regional Planning Body (RPB) released a draft Northeast Ocean Plan for public review and comment. Several years of public engagement, scientific study and data analysis led to this draft. Further information can be obtained at [neooceanplanning.org](http://neooceanplanning.org).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at Town Hall, Room 213.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Vilter

Clerk