

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 4:30PM
Edgartown Public Library

Present: Chair – Christian Thornton, Les Baynes, Madeline Fisher, Ryan Smith,
Nick Turner
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Jason Mallory,
Others: Recorder – Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:32PM. (*Recorder's Note: discussion has been summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

MINUTES

• **CHRISTIAN THORNTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MINUTES: RYAN SMITH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION—LES BAYNES** due to absence.

CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT

- Commercial scalloping was still catching about 20 limits per day but it was getting harder and the washbasket mounds were flatter. Prices were still high (about \$27 per lb.). There was some seed but not enough to cause concern. Some fishermen asked about an extra day to compensate for Thanksgiving.
- The last of the quahogs were planted in the fine gravel. Staff put winter long lines and buoys on the Major's Cove Oyster Farm.
- A cold stunned loggerhead turtle was found and transferred to Gus Ben David who shipped it by ferry to the Cape Rescue Center. If it survived it would be flown to warmer Florida waters.
- There was no news on the Selectmen's action on aquaculture transfers (see below: Actions). It was important to follow policy in the Smith transfers in order to keep precedent.
- Edgartown Great Pond was opened Sunday, November 18th.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish – 4:30PM Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, 2018 at the Library

ADJOURNMENT

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND WISH ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AT 4:42PM; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul – push Town Administrator re: Smith, Castro and Blake/Gilkes transfers/joint license.
- Paul/Christian – ask Jack Blake to attend Committee meetings on aquaculture wait list issues.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 11/20/18