

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

Present: Acting Chair - Les Baynes, Madeline Fisher, Nick Turner
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Jason Mallory, Rob Morrison,
Others: Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:37PM. (*Recorder's Note: discussion has been summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT

- Although last week there were about 16 boats with 25 limits on the best day, this week the bottom dropped out of the scalloping season, with only about 5 scant limits per day that took till 3:00PM to fish and fishing was getting down to seed bed. Prices were still good.
- With all floats pulled and buoys in, the Major's Cove Oyster Farm was ready for winter. Staff was working on boat maintenance, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Oyster Season (See below: Actions.)

Commercial oyster seasons were available in Sengekontacket and in Edgartown Great Ponds but in view of the current down market, the Committee would wait until fishermen asked.

NEW BUSINESS

January 2019 Schedule, New Year's Day is a Tuesday

The Committee agreed to skip the meeting date (see below: Meetings/Events).

OLD BUSINESS

Katama Wait List (See below: Actions.)

The Selectmen were considering how to advertise the Smith/Smith transfer (see 9/4/18 Minutes p.1-2). After that, in keeping with Wait List order, they would take up the Blake/Gilkes partnership and the Castro request for a Middle Harbor lot.

FY20 (See documents on file.)

A 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was announced at an all Department meeting but Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall was upset about union versus non-union pay inequity. He would give staff merit evaluations which were due July 1st. Once a staff member reached the top step longevity would kick in.

MINUTES - Tabled

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Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, December 18, 2018 & January 15, 2019 at the Library

ADJOURNMENT

**• NICK TURNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:54PM;
MADELINE FISHER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - push Town Administrator re: Smith/Smith, Blake/Gilkes & Castro licenses.
- Paul/Christian - start drafting Town Report.
- Paul/Christian - ask Jack Blake to attend Committee meetings on aquaculture wait list issues.
- 12/18/18 Agenda
 - Vote to Authorize Oyster Season Pending Staff Recommendation
 - Minutes: 11/20/18, 12/4/18,

Documents on File:

- Agenda 12/4/18
- FY20 Salary Budget Sheets (July 1 Merit Date For Everyone 10/11/18)