

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 4:30PM
Edgartown Public Library

Present: Chair – Christian Thornton, Les Baynes, Coop Gilkes,
Ryan Smith,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison
Others: Frank Gibson, Kevin Hathaway, Nick Viera, Travis Viera,
Great Pond Foundation – Emily Reddington,

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.

MINUTES

• **COOP GILKES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 4, 2017 MINUTES AS AMENDED: RYAN SMITH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

• **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR CHRISTIAN THORNTON TO SIGN THE COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING APPLICATION FOR FRANK GIBSON AND TRAVIS VIERA.**

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- Rob Morrison reported 20 limits a day with no issues with the harvesters. Oysters were 30¢ a piece with about 500 pieces making up a limit.
- Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall mentioned the Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative informational meeting at the Katherine Cornell Theater in Vineyard Haven (see below: Meetings/Events). The group will contract a \$150,000 University of Mass. Boston, Nature Conservancy and Cape Cod Hook Fishermen's Association study on the Massachusetts General Laws & Policies as they relate to the Shellfish Industry.
- There was a brief discussion about the future of Aquaculture in Edgartown and about getting all license holders back at their respective Katama Bay locations—the winter ice had moved cages, marker buoys, etc. The Department will be working to ground-verify everyone's location and will assist the MVC in mapping the area in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Membership

The Selectmen's Office had informed Paul Bagnall that Coop Gilkes, Donny Benefit and Ryan

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Smith had finished their terms and had to be replaced/re-appointed. There was an ad in the newspaper for new members.

- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT ALL WANTED TO STAY IF NO NEW MEMBERS WERE FOUND.**

OLD BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Update

After a brief discussion:

- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE DRAFT #5 OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO SEND THEM TO THE SELECTMEN FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW: RYAN SMITH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Thanks went to Marni Lipke for her work on the update.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, May 2 & 16, 2017 at Town Hall
- Mass. Shellfish Initiative - 3:00PM, Friday, May 5, 2017 at the Katherine Cornell Theater
- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, June 20, July 18th, August 15, 2017 at the Library

ADJOURNMENT

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:25PM; COOP GILKES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - deliver Regulations update to Board of Selectmen.
- Paul - check with the Selectmen re: all staying on Committee.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 4/18/17
- Application for commercial Shellfish Permit (4 p.)
- Regulations for Taking and Culture of Shellfish Draft #5 (12 p.) 4/14/17
- Family and Commercial Scallop: Taking, Possession, Landing Areas, Sizes, Seasons, Limits, Harvest Licenses, Permits, Regulations and Penalties (5 p.)