

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 4:30PM
Edgartown Town Hall

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baynes , Donald Benefit, Christian Thornton,
Coop Gilkes
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Rob Morrison,
Others: Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:34PM.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- 5 or 6 oyster fishermen were doing well in Edgartown Great Pond, getting their limits and not fishing in closed areas, coming in late or bringing in seed.
- Staff was working on the Major's Cove Oyster Project.
- One aquaculturist had removed all their equipment from the Harbor, however Sandy Fisher was resisting moving back to his plot, despite a verbal warning.
- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE FOR DEPARTMENT STAFF TO PROCEED ACCORDING THE AQUACULTURE INFRACTION PENALTY POLICY (see documents on file).
- The Board of Selectmen hearing on Nick Viera was scheduled for next Monday (see 4/5/16 Minutes p. 2 & below: Meetings/Events).
- Edgartown Great Pond was already fairly high and would be ready to cut again after 2 more big rainstorms. It was very healthy with herring, perch, etc. all fighting to get in.
- A Vibrio meeting in Vineyard Haven for wholesale dealers promulgated the same regulations as the previous meeting (see 3/15/16 Minutes p. 1).

MINUTES

- **COOPER GILKES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016, MARCH 1, 2016, MARCH 15, 2016 AND APRIL 5, 2016 MINUTES: DONALD BENEFIT SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Schifter Letter
- A letter requesting that all chemical measures be retested during the high summer season was in process. The Marine Advisory Committee would send a letter of support.
- Pending Ray Gailey's estate lawyer's permission, his oysters and equipment would first be offered to other aquaculturists, and then revert to the Shellfish Department.

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Meetings/Events

- Viera Selectmen Hearing - 4:00PM Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Town Hall
- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, May 3 & 17, 2016 at Edgartown Public Library

ADJOURNMENT

• DONALD BENEFIT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:53PM; COOP GILKES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Actions To Be Done :

- All - attend Viera Hearing 4PM, Wed. 4/27/16 at Town Hall
- Marni - resend Bylaw Penalties

Documents on File:

- Agenda 4/19/16
- Commercial/Aquaculture Penalty bylaw excerpts.