

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 4:30PM**  
**Edgartown Town Hall**

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Cooper Gilkes,  
Christian Thornton,  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,

The meeting was called to order at 4:40PM.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Bay Scallop Update

- About 5 to 15 boats were still going out. Pete Jackson checked Cape Pogue for areas of dense seed, but the spread was fairly general so nothing needed to be closed or moved.

- A few family license holders were taking messes of quahogs and oysters, including a couple from the summer—who were hand digging in the cold water

- Shellfish Biologist and Constable Paul Bagnall went to Portland, ME last Thursday and Friday, January 15th and 16th for Northeast Aquaculture Conference and Exhibition (NACE). He heard good presentations on vibrio, spent a half day on ocean acidification and Friday's presentations were about shellfish diseases and farm management.

- An Army Corps of Engineers letter announced another trip to remove ordinance from Cape Pogue. Paul Bagnall had responded (and the Corps agreed) that work had to be done between April and September outside of the scalloping season. The entire project would cost about \$5 million, and would involve metal detectors on land and somewhat more complex equipment towed behind a boat—when an object was indicated divers would hand dig around the eelgrass. If a bomb was found charged, it was detonated in place, but at this point most were duds and smoke bombs. Most ordinances had been removed in the 1940s-50s, and again in the 1970s.

The State Budget shortfall resulted in a \$30,000 reimbursement reduction to the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG), (plus a \$20,000 cut to Nantucket and a \$50,000 cut to the Cape). However the MVSG was still going forward with plans for a new water line for the Nursery (see 1/6/15 Minutes p. 1 and below: Actions).

- Other repair work projected for the spring season was: siding, some window replacement, and the deck.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

The proposed Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) passed the Finance Committee interview. Chair Ryan Smith praised Paul Bagnall for his presentation. The final FinCom vote on the

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Town Meeting Articles would be this week, and there was still some trepidation about unexpected or political shifts.

- The Committee reviewed the Major's Cove Oyster project in terms of nitrogen reduction "targeted watershed" designation—now in process for ponds in Wellfleet and Falmouth (see below: Actions). Any similar work in Edgartown Great Pond was handicapped by Dermo.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AROUND 5:00PM.

**Actions To Be Done :**

- Paul - draft letter to ConCom re: Chappaquiddick water line permits & excavation methods.
- Paul -research (& contact Wastewater) re: Major's Cove nitrogen reduction statistics

**February Agenda**

- 1/6/15 & 1/20/15 Minutes
- Army Corps of Engineers Letter
- Final FinCom Vote on FY16 Warrant Articles

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 1/20/15