

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 4:30PM**  
**Edgartown Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:31PM.

MINUTES

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2015 AND JANUARY 20, 2015 MINUTES: COOP GILKES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Bay Scallop Update

- Fewer boats were going out but all seven that went out at 8:00AM yesterday were back by 2:30PM with limits.
- The new temperature regulations were functioning well, making a difference on one or two days at most. Last week storms lost four of five days to weather.
- There was ice in Katama and at this time of year the main concern was for everybody to make it home safe.

Chappaquiddick Nursery

- The Deputies checked the Nursery yesterday and everything was all right.
- Jack Blake was working on a new upweller with turbines to increase water flow.
- Shellfish Biologist Paul Bagnall had been talking to the State about Vibrio management (particularly slurries vs. icing) but 2015 regulations were not yet settled.
- Thursday, February 5th he would attend the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA) Board of Directors meeting in New Bedford, and would talk to Mike Hickey and Tom Shields.
- This afternoon he had a conference call with the Army Corps of Engineer, consultants, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMV), National Division of Marine Fisheries and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) about the Cape Pogue munitions clearing project (see 1/20/15 Minutes p.1) . To minimize disruption of the eelgrass and Pond bottom when investigating possible finds, he suggested they drill a 2 ft. core instead of hand-digging larger holes. In this way the core plug with its eelgrass intact could be replaced each time.

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- There was still no response from Schifter on the new letter (see 1/6/15 Minutes p. 2).

OLD BUSINESS

- *Dream* House on HDTV showed a couple going quahogging on Sengekontacket and coming up with a bushel of oysters (which they didn't recognize).
- The September 2014 quahog relay Katama planting had to sit for a year. Paul Bagnall expected they could be harvested in August 2015.

Budget

The Finance Committee recommended the Shellfish warrant articles without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

- **COOP GILKES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:46PM; LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Actions To Be Done:**

- Paul - revise response to Army Corps of Engineers for signing at next meeting.

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 2/3/15