

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

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

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

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- There was very little fishing due to the severe weather and cold—yesterday only three boats went out. Aquaculture work was also at a standstill waiting for the ice to recede.
- The Deputies were doing maintenance work, painting boats, fixing equipment, etc. One of the Carolinas had been iced in, and it was likely initial work on the Major's Cove would be delayed.

OLD BUSINESS

• Chappaquiddick Nursery

The parking lot was plowed and, weather permitting, the pumps would be turned on about March 15th.

- The Martha's Vineyard (MVSG) had lost \$30,000 in the Massachusetts budget cuts but was still proceeding with the water pipe upgrade. The Request for Determination was submitted. It was agreed the trench could be dug with a small, walk-behind excavator (rather than hand dug).

• Bay Scallop Update

In light of the cold weather suspensions, fishermen were asking about extending the season. The extension process required Selectmen and State procedures (see below: Actions), however if stock began to run low the season could be closed by a simple vote.

- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO EXTEND THE BAY SCALLOP SEASON TO APRIL 15, 2015; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• Budget

There was nothing new to report. Recreational shellfishers were still raving about the Major's Cove oyster harvest. Town Meeting was approaching.

NEW BUSINESS

• Town Shellfish Management Plan

The Plan (a State requirement) would be updated and returned to the Committee for review and approval (see below: Actions).

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MINUTES

- LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015 MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 NOTES: CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS as absent.

ADJOURNMENT

- LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:51PM; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - put bay scallop season extension on Selectmen agenda.
- Paul/Marni - update Shellfish Management Plan

January 20, Agenda

- 3/3/15 Minutes
- Shellfish Management Report Draft

Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/3/15