

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 4:30PM
Edgartown Town Hall

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Leslie Baynes, Donald Benefit,
Cooper Gilkes, Christian Thornton,
Shellfish Dept. Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: Doug Benefit

The meeting was called to order.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- Scalping was finished. On April 30th David Berube took all day to get his 3 bushels from Outside but they were nice big scallops. The Committee felt they had managed the season well, allowing fishermen the advantage of early and late pricing and taking weather into account.
- Staff planted clams in two spots on Sengekontacket with a new technique using ADPI bags, trays and bottom boxes. The clams had almost doubled in size since October, growing substantially in the late fall and wintering over well, protected from predators.
- Current Major's Cove Oyster Farm work was mostly air-drying, which took a lot of juggling and going back and forth from the raft.

OLD BUSINESS

Chappaquiddick Nursery

Staff hand trenched out the old in-current water pipe last week and put in three new 4" lines with the hope of getting a little higher volume of water through the building. They were also working on repairing the deck and siding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Doug Benefit asked about opening Edgartown Great Pond for clamming after two years of being closed. A delay meant commercial fishermen would run into flack from landowners. Reports were for a patchy harvest (see below: Actions).
- Herring were reported in West Tisbury and there was also occasional evidence of some Sengekontacket Pond presence.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Town Hall

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ADJOURNMENT

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED.

Actions To Be Done:

- Rob/Warren/Pete - find a pump and survey Edgartown Great Pond for clams.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/5/15