

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 4:30PM**  
**Edgartown Town Barn**

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baines, Christian Thornton,  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines,  
Others: Elizabeth Ricketts - Great Pond Foundation  
Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:32PM.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- Quahog rafts have been moved to the Creek and emptied out into Katama. Survival rate was about 40% (see 8/18/15 Minutes p. 1).
- The Chappaquiddick Nursery sea water system had been shut off and the final oysters put in Edgartown Great Pond. The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) would fund about \$10,000 worth of building materials (wood, windows, pipe flex, etc.)—the last half of the front porch sills would be replaced. The Vineyard Haven crew would scrub it down before closing it up.

- Quahog Relay Update

- Staff picked up 193 bushels for the quahog relay and would make another trip for a total of 250 bushels—all transported in the new Department trailer with its added rails. The Swansea Constable hoped to open another supply area if the weather temperature held.
- If there was enough money the Department would plant another area in Katama.
- An average six families were out scalloping daily between the two Ponds with less in Sengekontacket. The Oak Bluffs closed their side to protect a crop of large seed. There were scallops at Drunkards and North Hole, but not too many in the Gut. A reduced fleet (20-30 boats) was expected.
- Edgartown Great Pond opening was scheduled for Thursday, Friday or Monday, depending on contractor availability, weather, tides, etc. The Pond was only moderately high. Elizabeth Ricketts hoped to shoot some time-lapse photos (see below: Actions).

OLD BUSINESS

- Vibrio Update

There were no new cases and vibrio compliance season had ended. Shellfish Biologist and Warden Paul Bagnall would attend a couple days of the Oyster Symposium in Woods Hole and then the University of Connecticut Seminar in November.

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- Continuation of Oyster Season Public Hearing from September 16, 2016
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE OYSTER PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Schifter / Leland - Nothing to report.

MINUTES

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6, 2015 MINUTES: LES BAYNES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, November 3 & 17, 2015 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:01PM; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Actions To Be Done :**

- Paul - include FY17 Budget on November Agenda.
- Paul - contact Elizabeth Ricketts re: opening Great Pond.

**Documents on File:**

- *Agenda 10/20/15*