

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 4:30PM
Edgartown Town Barn

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:33PM.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

• Bay Scallop Season Update

There were 14 boats taking a long time to reach their limit. Due to the large amount of seed Deputies were dumping every bushel and had given out at least one seed citation warning. The Department was considering early closing to preserve next year's crop—especially as the seed were large and wholesale prices temptingly high.

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OF THE COMMERCIAL SCALLOP SEASON AREAS AT THE DISCRETION OF STAFF; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

- Staff was working to spread the Major's Cove oysters in cages for plenty of winter and spring growing room. Good press was spreading awareness and attracting harvesters.
- The Chappaquiddick Nursery was winterized and drained. In the quiet season staff would work on further rehabilitation (a couple new windows etc.)
- Softshell clams were still doing okay and all hoped they'd survive the winter and dig in.

NEW BUSINESS

• **CHRISTIAN THORNTON MOVED TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE FISHERMAN'S LANDING; LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

MINUTES

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES AS AMENDED; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 1 AYE, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS—LES BAYNES, CHRISTIAN THORNTON due to absence.**

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- Town Meeting Articles Due November 20th
- Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Budget

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE THIRD DEPUTY POSITION FROM 30 HOURS PER WEEK TO 32 HOURS PER WEEK; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• **CHRISTIAN THORNTON MOVED TO APPROVE:**

- **THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET AT \$253,052.95 (\$251,821.55 + \$1,231.40); AND**

- **THE FOLLOWING SHELLFISH WARRANT ARTICLES:**

- **\$44,000 FOR SHELLFISH COMMITTEE PROGRAMS,**
- **\$37,000 IN MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP (MVSG) DUES,**
- **\$7,850 FOR A NEW OUTBOARD BOAT MOTOR,**
- **\$32,000 FOR A NEW PICKUP TRUCK;**

LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, December 1 & 15, 2015 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:54PM.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - contact Jane Varkonda re: Town acquisition of land adjacent to Fishermen's Landing
- Paul/Warren/Rob/Pete - Please notify all re: imminent closing of season.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 11/17/15
- Shellfish Update 11/16/15
- 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article (Shellfish Committee Programs)
- 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article (Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group)
- 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article (Yamaha Outboard)
- 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article (Pickup Truck)
- Personnel Board memo re: Departmental Earnings Budget 11/2/15
- FY17 Salary budget Requests (No COLA) 11/2/15