

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 7:00PM**  
**Edgartown Town Hall**

Present: Chair - Jack Blake, Les Baynes, Cooper Gilkes, Ryan Smith  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Rob Warren,

The meeting was called to order

MINUTES

- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2014 MINUTES; RYAN SMITH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.**

COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- **WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE CHAIR JACK BLAKE SIGNED TWO TWO- ACRE OUTER HARBOR/MIDDLE FLATS AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATIONS - ONE TWO-ACRE LOT EACH FOR JOE SMITH AND FOR RYAN SMITH.**

Middle Flats Aquaculture Area

This would make four applications for Middle Flats aquaculture plots. The Committee discussed how much area to request be surveyed by Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). Taking into account previous comments from Arthur York-Allen (see 1/7/14 Minutes p. 1) it was decided that 10 two-acre plots (20 acres total) in a North South row, would reduce the visual impact from Eel Pond shores. Water depth varied at 15-30 ft.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLES' REPORTS

The Deputies were building sieves for the Majors Cove upweller at the Town Barn and working steadily on painting the Chappaquiddick Nursery walls with waterproof epoxy.

Bay Scallop Update

There were a couple fishermen still dragging and one or two getting their limits dip netting in Sengekontacket. In view of the continued dip netting:

- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS AND NOT ALLOW DRAGGING IN SENGEKONTACKET POND.**

Milford Aquaculture Seminars

Shellfish Biologist and Constable Paul Bagnall would attend the Milford Aquaculture Conference followed by the New England Shellfish Sanitation Association meeting on Vibrio regulations.

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OLD BUSINESS

Leland/Schifter Water Sampling Agreement (See documents on file.)

The draft letter and protocols were basically approved but the Committee emphasized the necessity of moving along the matter in time for spring testing. They asked that the letter include a thirty day response request and considered bringing the matter before the Selectmen and/or press.

NEW BUSINESS

Major's Cove Oyster Project  
Financial Update

Paul Bagnall reported on the status of the Oyster Project Funds as well as Department, Committee and Propagation budgets.

- Jack Blake announced he would not be seeking reappointment and his term would end this April. He thanked the Committee for the opportunity to get involved in Town politics and shellfish oversight. He hoped to continue to attend meetings whenever he could.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 7:00PM Tuesdays, March 4 and 18, 2014 at Town Hall
- Edgartown Annual Town Meeting - Tuesday, April 8, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05PM.**

**Actions To Be Done :**

- Paul - ask DMF to survey 20 acres in Middle Flats in a row North to South.
- Jack/Marni - amend and finalize Leland/Shifter letter.

**Ongoing Actions**

- Paul/Jack - apply for CPA grant for Chappaquiddick Nursery in August/September.
- Paul/Warren/Rob - plant next Katama relay area closer to the boat ramp.
- Paul - attend Dredge Committee meetings as possible.

**Documents on file:**

- Agenda 2/4/14
- Blake draft letter to Schifter (2 p.) 2/4/14