

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:30PM**  
**Edgartown Town Hall**

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Cooper Gilkes,  
Christian Thornton,  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,  
Others: David Berube, Steven Daly, Matthew Sanfilippo,  
Donald Thomas,  
Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:42PM.

COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

• WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE CHAIR RYAN SMITH SIGNED THE COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING APPLICATIONS FOR STEVEN E. DALY AND MATTHEW SANFILIPPO.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Bay Scallop Season Update

The season continued well, with 33 limits today and 42 yesterday, although it was taking a little longer to get them.

NEW BUSINESS

Temperature Law for Bay Scalloping

- The Committee looked at seed samples brought in by the Deputies. After talking to many of the fishermen and canvassing many of the region's towns, Shellfish Constable and Biologist Paul Bagnall reported a number of options:
  - raise the temperature cut-off to 30°F or to 32°F, and/or
  - change the temperature cut-off time to 2:00PM, or
  - add Saturdays for a six day fishing week.
- The Committee talked about personal experiences and fishing issues such as:
  - going home when things froze on the cutting board,
  - the average January/February temperature of 32° — so a cut-off of 32° would seriously curtail fishing days,
  - the importance of protecting the good crop of seed,
  - seed survival if thrown back immediately versus riding it around for an hour or two,
  - keeping Saturdays as compensation days,

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- extending the season or raising limits to compensate for lost days (if the harvest held);
- weather patterns during the day and the possibility of a staff call-in by horn or flag,
- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO CHANGE THE TEMPERATURE CUT-OFF TO 30°F BY 10:00AM; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.** Saturdays remained as compensation days and were not changed.

Policy for Issuing Shellfish Licenses

Paul Bagnall read the current application policies and procedures for:

- Family Resident Licenses,
- Family Non-Resident Licenses,
- One Time (weekly) Licenses,
- Commercial Resident Licenses,
- Commercial Non-Resident Licenses.

These included season dates, hours, fees, limits, record keeping, replacement, and renewals.

- The Committee discussed:
  - a continually updated alphabetical list of licenses for staff convenience,
  - two years as a renewal cut-off (fishermen might not bother to apply for a bad season but might renew the next year when the harvest was better).
- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ACCEPT SHELLFISH LICENSE PROTOCOL AS SUBMITTED BY KRISTY ROSE; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

The Selectmen informally voted 2 to 1 to support the new deputy at the Personnel Board meeting (see below: Actions). Wastewater Operator David Thompson was a great support bringing in shellfish water-cleansing statistics:

- 1,000,000 oysters filtered 50,000,000 gallons of water a day particularly reducing nitrogen, (compared with the sewage plant at 75,000 per day);
- furthermore the cost of the oyster filtration/farm was \$12 per pound and the sewage plant was \$28 per pound.
- There was some confusion over the number of deputy hours since the workload was 30 hr./wk. so 20 hr./wk. was acceptable only as a compromise. Paul Bagnall would prepare the paperwork for FY14, FY15 and the proposed FY16.

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- The Committee would wait for the Personnel Board results before deciding whether to reduce the warrant article to \$44,000—the Warrant Article was a placeholder and the December 5th Munis deadline was noted.

Meetings

- Personnel Bd. - 1:00 PM, Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - Town Hall
- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, December 16, 2014, January 6, 2015 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

- THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:22PM.

**Actions To Be Done:**

- Paul - bring new temperature cut-off vote to Selectmen.
- All - attend Personnel Bd. meeting for third deputy, Wed. 12/10/14 @ 1PM.

**December 16, 2013 Agenda Reminders**

- 11/18/14 & 12/3/14 Minutes
- Leland/Shifter Letter
- Vibrio Update
- Personnel Board Decision / FY16 Warrant Article Budget Vote
- Bay Scallop Update

**Documents on file:**

- Agenda 12/2/14
- Sign-In Sheet 12/2/14
- Family Shellfish Licenses/Shellfish One Time Licenses (2 p.)