

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
7:00PM Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Edgartown Town Hall

Present: Chair - Jack Blake, Cooper Gilkes, Ryan Smith,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Rob Morrison,
Others: Ray Auger
Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

MINUTES

The minutes were tabled till the next meeting.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLES' REPORT

Major's Cove

- Now that it had been approved by Town Meeting the Deputies were working on the Major's Cove Oyster Propagation Project. The upweller was almost done and they were working steadily preparing and hog-ringing 1500 bags. Clips had been purchased and Jack Blake was preparing a blinking light to mark the upweller which would be in a navigational channel (see below: Actions).
- There was very little commercial fishing going on except the occasional quahogging and some family clambers.
- There was a discussion on spring 'clean up' of aquaculture.
 - Both David Viera and Michael Briggs had paid their fines.
 - Sandy Fischer was still working to remove his upweller from the beach.
 - Leaseholder/farmers seemed to be policing each other.
 - It was time for the spring check to properly position all plots and buoys.
 - There were reports of off-lot cages and working in the Narrows and around Jackson's Landing. Although leaseholder/farmers transported and/or stored some equipment on their boats there should be no oysters.
- The Committee directed the Deputies to survey Edgartown waters for any off-lot cages or equipment (see below: Actions).

OLD BUSINESS

Leland Agreement (See 4/2/13 Minutes p. 2 and below: Actions.)

At a meeting with Chair Jack Blake and Shellfish Warden Paul Bagnall, the Marine Advisory Board voted to have the escrowed funds transferred to the Town to fund testing under the management of the Shellfish Department. Chair Jack Blake had drafted a courtesy reply letter to Mr. Leland which would be completed, edited and sent (see below: Actions).

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- **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD ACTIONS, COOP GILKES MOVED THAT THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE:**
 - **INSTRUCT COUNSEL TO REQUIRE THE LELAND'S ATTORNEY TO FORWARD THE \$100,000 TO THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN; AND ,**
 - **THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THE \$100,000 THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN PLACE IT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT TO BE MANAGED BY THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR TESTING AS REQUIRED BY THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION;**
- RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Chappaquiddick Nursery

- Summer intern Pete Jackson and Deputy Rob Morrison would be fixing the roof vents and turning the water on this week. Emma Greenbeach (see 3/19/13 Minutes p. 3) was looking forward to working with staff on spawning, (under a contract similar to Boo Bassett's.
- Trip Barnes offered to run a fundraiser for the Nursery, which might help in adding a denitrifying septic system.

Quahog Relay

Paul Bagnall got a number of quotes on quahogs.

- **COOP GILKES MOVED TO PURCHASE QUAHOGS FROM RAY SILVA FOR \$13.04 PER 80 LB BAG; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

NEW BUSINESS

Opening Day for Katama Relay Area

Deputies had made Area Closed to Shellfishing signs rather than Contaminated signs. The Committee discussed how the build up of sand from the winter storm washovers would effect the quahogs.

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO OPEN THE NEW FAMILY AREA IN KATAMA BAY ON MAY 1, 2013; COOP GILKES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

- The Committee again noted Donald Benefit's hard work and progress in cleaning up the Fishermen's Depot. It was expected that the Selectmen would continue to check insurance and to award lots. Further discussion was tabled until the full Committee could be present.
- Ray Auger offered to install surveillance equipment.

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Summer Meetings Schedule and Location

- Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesdays, May 7 & May 21, 2013 at Town Hall
- Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at Town Barn
- Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at Town Barn
- Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at Town Barn
- Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesdays, September 3 & 17, 2013 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

• **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:01PM; COOP GILKES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Actions To Be Done :

- Paul – push Town Hall re: aquaculture wait list advertisement.
- Paul/Warren/Rob – survey/police aquaculture plots, Narrows, Jackson's Landing, etc.
- Paul/Warren/Rob – check Sandy Fisher re: upweller, raft, floats returned to lot by 4/22.
- Paul/Jack/Marni – edit and send Leland letter, cc: Marine Adv. Bd. of Health, MVC
- Jack – send in bill for upweller light to be reimbursed.
- May Agenda – Fishermen's Depot.

Ongoing Actions

- Paul – submit written deputy reports and hours folder at each meeting.

Documents on file:

- Agenda 4/17/13