

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00PM
Edgartown Town Hall

Present: Chair - Jack Blake, Les Baynes, Donald Benefit,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: MVC - Sheri Caseau, Marine Advisory - Gary Look
Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

MINUTES

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 1, 2013 MINUTES: DONALD BENEFIT SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

DEPUTIES/CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- Some were getting family limits in about two hours. There was some beautiful seed growing among the eelgrass.
- Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) representative reported that two weekly runs of Vibrio results were inconclusive but were not tested by an Environmental Protection Act (EPA) approved method. The first run was the only certified State result and had come back negative. The Farms were opened due to the drop in water temperature. In review:
 - There were three confirmed cases among about 300,000 Island oysters sold (although illness timeline and restaurant practice meant traceability was not beyond a shadow of a doubt).
 - Nationally 4-5,000,000 oysters sold resulted in 40 illnesses of which a dozen were confirmed.
- The complexities of Edgartown improving a building owned by the Landbank and rented by the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) were obvious. The Community Preservation deadline had passed. It was likely the project was not eligible but the Committee was encouraged to apply for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Majors' Cove Oyster Project - The oysters were now in up 80 cages.

Leland/Schifter Water Sampling Agreement

There was still no response to the June 12, 2013 letter sent in response to the January 18 Leland/Schifter letter. Sheri Caseau of the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) would bring it to the attention of the Compliance Committee.

- The permit had already been granted making compliance enforcement difficult.
- The non-compliance although originally pertaining to Leland, traveled with the property and therefore now encompassed all the owners.

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- The Committee re-iterated that the money and program should run with the Town as history showed Mr. Leland to be dilatory and non-compliant.

- There was no limit to the original Development of Regional Impact (DRI) finding.

• **LES BAYNES MOVED THAT THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE CHAIR JOIN THE BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIR AND MARINE ADVISORY CHAIR AND THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH TOWN COUNSEL REGARDING ORIGINAL LELAND DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT NON-COMPLIANCE; DONALD BENEFIT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

NEW BUSINESS

Bay Scallop Season

The season was going a little better than expected but a black slime was around much earlier than last year. The Committee might close the season early to protect the seed now showing up fairly plentifully.

Budget FY15

The Budget was likely to be due by December 1st and the Committee would consider and vote on the matter at the November meetings

• Edg. Shellfish – 7:00PM Tuesdays, November 5 & 19, 2013 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:40PM; DONALD BENEFIT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Actions To Be Done :

- Paul – take Aquaculture Regulations off the agenda
- Paul – put Budget on the Agenda for 11/5 & 19.
- Jack/Paul – consider early scallop season closing to protect seed.

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 10/15/13
- Bagnall/Shellfish Dept. announcement re: Bay Scallop Season 9/24/13