

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 7:00PM**  
**Edgartown Town Hall**

Present: Chair - Cooper Gilkes, Donald Benefit, Ralph Case,  
Ryan Smith, Jack Blake  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison  
Others: Roy Scheffer  
Marni Lipke - Recorder

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

• COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Roy Scheffer applied for two aquaculture acres in the Outer Harbor/Middle Flats off Eel Pond.

The Committee took the application under advisement for survey and discussion:

- Previous attempts in the area had trouble with tumbling cages and barnacles,
- In consideration of existing scalloping beds the Committee felt the plots might be better situated on the west side.

MINUTES

• **JACK BLAKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 MINUTES; DONALD BENEFIT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORTS

The Deputies reported an average of only one boat per day rising to five in good weather, about half in Cape Pogue and the rest in the Harbor. Cape Pogue limits had diminished and the big seed was considered tempting to fishermen.

- OLD BUSINESS; Bay Scallop Closure Area (See below: Actions.)
- **DONALD BENEFIT MOVED TO CLOSE CAPE POGUE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• OLD BUSINESS; Chappaquiddick Nursery/Roof Shingles Update

There was still no estimate from Mark Landers although Cottles had priced the shingles. Other issues included:

- leaks in the flat roofs,
- maintenance/repair of the air supply system,
- test/replace the cable to the platform.

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• **OLD BUSINESS: Estuaries Program**

There was no word from the Selectmen on the warrant article request which was submitted under deadline (see below: Actions).

• **OLD BUSINESS: Sengekontaktet DMF Plans for 2012**

Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall submitted a language draft to the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF).

• **NEW BUSINESS: Katama Quahog Relay** (See documents on file.)

• **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT AND SUBMIT THE PROPOSED COORDINATES IN KATAMA BAY FOR A FAMILY RELAY AREA.**

- March 15<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a target for the first Edgartown Great Pond opening.
- The Committee discussed issues and procedure for cormorant harassment permits:
  - permission from the Selectmen,
  - Sarsons Island location in Oak Bluffs,
  - whether to include Edgartown Great Pond,
  - nitrogen/bacterial pollution and fishing issues,
  - Wampanoag Tribe support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

• **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:43PM; JACK BLAKE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Actions To Be Done:**

- Paul - will be away 3/29-4/12
- Paul/Coop - put Roy Scheffer on 4/3/12 Agenda (he will be away 4/14-22/12).
- Warren Gaines - prep for Town Meeting.
- Donald - follow procedure for cormorant permit
- Warren/Rob - canoe Craktuxet for depth measurements.
- Paul - talk to Pam Dolby re: MEP warrant article.
- Paul - post Cape Pogue closure.
- Paul - check with Tommy re: Chappy cable, & Mark re: roof.

**Ongoing Actions**

- Paul - submit written deputy reports and hours folder at each meeting.
- Warren/Rob - Report log at each Committee Meeting
- Public hearing on oyster minimum / maximum size when /if there is an oyster season.

**Documents on file:**

- Agenda 3/6/12
- Google Earth map of Katama Bay Relay Area

