

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 4:30PM
by Zoom Cloud Conference Due to the Covid-19 Crisis

Present: Acting Chair – Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Madeline Fisher, Nick Turner,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Rob Morrison,
Others: Liam Crossgroves, Sandy Fisher, Recorder – Marni Lipke,

The meeting was called to order.

(Recorder's Note: discussion has been summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

CONSTABLES & DEPUTIES' REPORT

- Although the year was a little better than expected (a couple limits for those willing to put in the time in Cape Pogue) there was not much scalloping going on. Sengekontacket was open for shellfishing. Staff was water quality sampling Sengekontacket Pond, Eel Pond and the Outer Harbor.
- Edgartown Great Pond needed to come up another 4 in. before it could be opened—hopefully in about 2 weeks.
- Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall would meet with 40 other Constables on Thursday, October 22nd at the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA).

OLD BUSINESS

Middle Flats

Paul Bagnall confirmed there were 10 Middle Flats/Outer Harbor lots of which 4 were still available. Town Administrator James Hagerty and the Selectmen considered a public hearing on Liam Crossgrove's application sufficient (see 10/5/20 Minutes p.2)—since the area had already been through the approval process. After some discussion over protocol,

- **LES BAYNES MOVED THAT THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE CHAIR CHRISTIAN THORNTON TO SIGN THE MIDDLE FLATS AQUACULTURE APPLICATIONS FOR LIAM CROSSGROVES AND SANDY FISHER PENDING REVIEW BY THE SHELLFISH CONSTABLE AND SHELLFISH COMMITTEE CHAIR; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, LES BAYNES—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—ABSTAIN due to appearance of conflicting of interest.**

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), Town Report, Etc. Calendar

The Town was still reckoning whether summer receipts shortfall would consume Town Free Cash, so department budgets would likely be tight. The calendar was as follows:

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- Money articles hard copies due December 10th,
- Department budgets due December 11th,
- Annual Report due December 30th.
- The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) applied to all 6 Town Community Preservation Committees to renew intake lines at the Hughes Hatchery, and Paul Bagnall suggested the Chappaquiddick Nursery should be next in line. The Nursery was on a 3-year lease with the Martha's Vineyard Landbank and renewal would carry about \$100,000 in repairs/upgrades.
- In addition he was starting to plan for sea-level rise and was considering significant capital improvements to the point and building for 2025
- The Committee discussed meeting in person outside (as had the MVSG Board of Directors at the Chappaquiddick Nursery) but decided the Zoom platform was fine for the time being.

MINUTES

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6, 2020 MINUTES: LES BAYNES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 4 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, LES BAYNES—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE.**

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM, Tuesdays, November 17, 2020 & December 1, 2020 by Zoom
- Dredge - 4:00PM, Thursdays, by Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

- **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:04PM; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, LES BAYNES—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - report on FY22 Budgets and articles.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/20/20