

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 4:30PM
by Zoom Cloud Conference Due to the Covid-19 Crisis

Present: Acting Chair – Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Madeline Fisher,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: Recorder – Marni Lipke,

The meeting was called to order at 4:33PM.

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

CONSTABLES & DEPUTIES' REPORT

Scallop Season

- Scalloping did fairly well until the recent run of weather, with equal number of boats inside and outside Cape Pogue (see 1/19/21 Minutes p.1). Staff found many different sizes of seed all the way down to small, a better indication than last year—which resulted in a better crop than expected.
- Dave Berube was out with health issues—it was strange to see his boat at the dock all day.
- Staff was brainstorming on growing scallops larger before planting them (see below: Actions).
- Constable Paul Bagnall reported the Senior Program gave a good shout out to the Department for generating senior interest in shellfishing. Warren Gaines and staff worked with the Seniors on recreational oystering at Crab Creek so as to avoid violating Department of Public Health restrictions.

MINUTES

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2021 MINUTES: MADELINE SMITH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 2 AYE, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: RYAN SMITH[–AYE, MADELINE FISHER–AYE, LES BAYNES –ABSTAIN** due to absence.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Budget Update (See 12/1/20 Minutes p.1-2.)

- The Shellfish Propagation and Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) dues articles were both accepted unchanged.
- However the Finance Committee and Selectmen took issue with the 50/50 formula allocation on the Hughes Hatchery pipe repair/replacement article, preferring to pay 1/6th as equally divided among the towns—a loss of \$6,000. The 50/50 formula allocation meant Edgartown paid 40% of the cost—while effected funding for other Town Departments. The other 5 towns were using Community Preservation Act/Committee (CPA/CPC) funds, but Edgartown chose a separate warrant article. Paul Bagnall informed MVSG Director Emma Green-Beach.
- This was emphasized as an assessment issue in no way critical of shellfishing.

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NEW BUSINESS

- All Committee members had to fill out conflict of interest forms (see Documents on file)
- The Committee discussed the Katama and Middle Flats/Outer Harbor wait lists which should be updated in terms of possible available lots (see below: Actions).

ADJOURNMENT

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:53PM; MADELINE FISHER SECONDED; MEETING ENDED DUE TO A ZOOM BOMB, by Alexis Fordam, Carla Lines, Jack Wilkingson and Stan Williams.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Rob/Ryan – share modified scallop cage design.
- Paul – notify Micah Agnoli in writing re: Aquaculture Wait List removal due to non-residency.
- Paul – contact Kristy Rose re: Wait List status and renaming (Katama Wait List)
- Marni – Include Middle Flat list at end of Minutes.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 2/2/21
- Summary of Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees (11 p.)
- Notice to all Municipal Employees, Conflict of Interest Law Education Requirements (2 p.)
- Town Clerk memo re: Open Meeting Law Education and Requirements

Katama Aquaculture Lot Wait List

1. Micah Agnoli	6/21/17	5. Adam Thibodeau	11/7/17
2. Adam Castro	9/5/17	6. Lila Fischer	1/16/18
3. Evan & Andrea Donnelly	9/19/17	7. David “Tubby” Medeiros	2/19/19
4. Clinton Fisher	9/19/17	8. Liam Cosgrove	9/17/19

Middle Flats lots votes:

- 11/5/13 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Jeremy Scheffer
- transferred to Noah.
- 2/18/14 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Ryan Smith & 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Joe Smith
- Joe Smith transferred to Julia Smith
- 2/2/16 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Nick Turner & 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Dan Donnelly
- 8/21/18 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Scott Castro
- 10/20/20 Liam Cosgroves & Sandy Fisher motion to sign Middle Flats applications pending
Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Committee Chair approval.
- Liam Cosgroves confirmed.