

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

Present: Chair – Christian Thornton, Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Madeline Fisher,
Nick Turner
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: Robert Hayman, Bphone, Recorder – Marni Lipke,

The meeting was called to order at 4:31PM.

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

MINUTES

• CHRISTIAN THORNTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MINUTES: LES BAYNES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 4 AYE, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: CHRISTIAN THORNTON—AYE, RYAN SMITH—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, LES BAYNES—AYE.

CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT

Scallop Season

- The boards were taken out of the sluiceway to flush sand into Edgartown Great Pond, which was opened Sunday, February 28th and was still open.
- It was too cold for scalloping, and the season was naturally winding down—limits were hit or miss even in warmer weather. 1 or 2 boats were commercial oystering in Sengekontacket a couple days a week, but the oyster market continued low. The Committee noted the beautiful Sengekontacket oysters and discussed whether to let the scallop season run or vote an end date.
- The crew was working on boat maintenance and building bins for the upweller, experimenting with sizes of scallop transfers.
- Constable Paul Bagnall reported the Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative draft (available at MSI.org) was in public comment period. He was on the panel to insure local shellfishing control.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Special and Annual Town Meetings (STM/ATM) were set for May 22. The Shellfish Propagation and Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) dues articles were both accepted unchanged. The MVSG Hughes Hatchery pipeline replacement was slightly reduced.

- The Committee discussed the coming season including a busy harbor moorings sign-up, and slow but steady re-bookings in restaurants and weddings.

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- The Marine Advisory Committee requested the Department send a map of Cape Pogue eelgrass/shellfish beds so they could be marked off-limits for anchoring—Paul Bagnall described the parameters. The Committee discussed Cape Pogue options hoping for a better summer than last year. The Planning Board and Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) were forming a Committee for future regulations. Responsible recreational kitesurfing was a possible activity but kitesurfing schools/businesses were less compatible to the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was a public comment on continuing Cape Pogue anchorage availability.
- The 100 ft. scallop culling setback limits were designed to legislate responsible culling, i.e. avoiding wash-ups on the beach and seagull predation.

Meetings/Events

- Marine Advisory Com - 4:30PM, Wednesday, March 10, 2021 by Zoom
- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM, Tuesdays, March 16, & April 6, 2021 by Zoom
- Dredge - 4:00PM, Thursdays, by Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

• LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:55PM; CHRISTIAN THORNTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: CHRISTIAN THORNTON—AYE, LES BAYNES—AYE, RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE.

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul/All - Attend Marine Advisory meeting on Cape Pogue
- Paul - notify Micah Agnoli in writing re: Aquaculture Wait List removal due to non-residency.
- contact Kristi Rose re: 3 year Wait List renewal correspondence.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/2/21

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

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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 Crosgroves & Sandy Fisher motion to sign Middle Flats applications pending
Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Committee Chair approval.
- Liam Crosgroves confirmed.