

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 4:30PM
by Zoom Cloud Conference Due to the Covid-19 Crisis

Present: Acting Chair – Ryan Smith, David Faber, Madeline Fisher, Nick Turner,
Shellfish Dept. Rob Morrison, Jason Mallory,
Others: Lionel Spiro, Recorder – Marni Lipke,
* Shellfish Committee members who arrived late or left early.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35PM. (*Recorder's Note: discussion has been summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

SHELLFISH PERMITS AND AQUACULTURE LICENSES

Edgartown resident Timmy Thomas applied for a senior discount commercial permit—which would expire April 1, 2022, requiring re-application. Once the application was signed he had 48 hours to submit it to Select Board Administrative Assistant Kristi Rose. Ryan Smith reviewed the application and attested to its completion, including notarization.

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN SHELLFISH COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR CHRISTIAN THORNTON OR SHELLFISH CONSTABLE ROB MORRISON TO SIGN THE COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TIMMY THOMAS ON BEHALF OF THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE.

CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT

Scallop Season

Oyster Season

- Scalloping was grinding to a halt, with only 3-5 hard core fishermen getting limits. Scallops were nice quality but hard to find. There was also some oystering in Sengekontacket Pond.
- Constable Rob Morrison found both the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Edgartown Select Board (ESB) amenable to extending the season (see 3/1/22 Minutes p.1). It would be on the agenda for the following ESB meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Edgartown Great Pond opening would be delayed till next week due to weather and swell projections. 3 to 5 cuts a year were planned (5 being unusual), each one costing about \$1,500.
- Rob Morrison viewed the Great Pond inlet and delta with dredge crew member Donald Benefit and Dredge Committee Chair Ed Handy. Donald Benefit said the cut could be made 3 dredge widths wide and 8 ft. deep. A chart was created and there was general consensus that the Pond and the cut would benefit from dredging since at low water the delta would be almost dry. The project would be put on next year's dredge season list.
- Annual delta dredging was not feasible but would have to be timed according to storms, need and situation, as well as dredge transportation and crane costs (\$20-30,000 each time). The Committee noted various issues:
- crane expense/dredge access was a driving factor for the new ramp at Katama;

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- possible warrant article funding,
- difficulty of making the right choice all the time;
- unpredictable market for sand revenues, and Fuller St. Beach sand needs.

- The Committee asked the new Constable how he was holding up. Rob Morrison felt he was doing well, especially with a good crew and Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A Master Plan Subcommittee dealing with harbor, water access and near-shore water quality would meet this week (see below: Meetings/Events). Madeline Fisher was disappointed that shellfishing and aquaculture industries were not prominently considered and urged staff and Committee members to attend. Everyone thanked her for her work and dedication.

MINUTES

- **DAVE FABER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 1, 2022 MINUTES AS WRITTEN: MADELINE FISHER SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 3 AYE, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION** due to absence: **RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—ABSTAIN, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, DAVE FABER—AYE.**

Meetings/Events

- Master Plan Harbor/Water Subcommittee—Wednesday, March 17, 2022
- Edg. Shellfish – 4:30PM, Tuesdays, April 5, & 19, 2022 by Zoom
- Annual/Special Town Meeting – 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Dredge – 4:00PM, Thursdays, by Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

- **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:51PM; DAVID FABER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: DAVE FABER—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, RYAN SMITH—AYE.**

Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/15/22

Actions To Be Done:

- Rob/All – attend Master Plan Subcommittee
- Rob/Christian - review and sign Thomas commercial license application.

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
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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.