

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 4:30PM
by Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Chair – Christian Thornton, David Faber, Madeline Fisher,
Ryan Smith, Nick Turner,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Jason Mallory, Rob Morrison,
Others: Crackatuxet Trust

The meeting was called to order at 4:43PM.

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

CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT

- Staff was working on boat maintenance and would haul out the Major's Cove oyster floats in case of a freeze.
- The Edgartown Great Pond cut closed Friday December 17th after a 12-13 day opening. Salinity was up to 26 ppt at the Landing. This would be the last cut until spring. If the Dredge Committee found funds or time it would take on the project, but had no plans for this year.
- State grants were \$7,500 for a new upweller and \$5,000 for the oyster buy-back (see 11/16/21 Minutes p.1).
- The Conservation Commission (ConCom) ruled for phragmites hand clearing only, so the Annual Town Meeting article requested \$22,000. (See Minutes: 9/7/10 p.1, 12/7/10 p.2, 4/19/11 p.2, & 11/15/16 p.2, & 11/19/19 p.2, & 5/5/20 p.1, & 10/19/21 p.3.)

It will be difficult to find hand workers.

Scallop Season

Good weather brought out the whole scalloping fleet and 20 limits, now coming in about 10:30AM, with no seed issues and good-sized scallops.

Constable's Replacement

Paul Bagnall was hurtling towards retirement and had submitted all his paperwork, twice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(See documents on file.)

Crackatuxet Trust Property owner praised and supported the work to clear Herring Creek to prevent culvert blockage as beneficial to the environment and the properties in preventing water build up that increased erosion and flooding. Paul Bagnall explained a couple issues.

- The cause of flooding was not phragmites build up but rather culverts blocked by household debris (e.g. grills, gas tanks, etc.).
- Herring Creek was a bonus herring run in the 1870s when it was part of Edgartown Great Pond. However the Pond was now saltier than Cracktuxet Cove which discouraged herring. If culvert boards were left in during Pond cuts there was a reverse run of some herring from the Sluiceway into Crackatuxet.
- The Trust owner thanked the Constable for the useful information.

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Meetings/Events

- Dredge Committee – 4:00PM, Thursdays - Zoom
- **Edg. Shellfish – 4:30PM, Tuesdays, January 4 & 18, 2022 - Zoom**

ADJOURNMENT

Happy Holidays to everyone.

• **RYAN SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:53PM; MADELINE FISHER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: CHRISTIAN THORNTON—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE, RYAN SMITH—AYE, DAVE FABER—AYE.**

Actions To Be Done:

- Continued actions from previous meetings:
 - Christian – send letter to Select Board requesting permission to honor Les Baynes.
 - ask Les Baynes for schedule for hamburger dinner.
 - Paul – contact Kristy Rose re: baseline Aquaculture Wait List status

Documents on File:

- Agenda 12/21/21
- [Crackatuxet Trust letter/email...](#)

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.