

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 4:30pm**  
**At the Edgartown Library**

Present: Christian Thornton, Nic Turner, Ryan Smith, Madeline Fisher, David Faber  
Shellfish Dept. Rob Morrison  
Others: Danny Gilkes, Juliet Mulinare (Recorder)

The meeting of the Edgartown Shellfish Committee was called to order at 4:33pm.

MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from 5/9/23 and 5/23/23.

*Motion placed on the floor by David to approve the 5/9/23 & 5/23/23 draft minutes. Nic seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.*

SHELLFISH PERMITS & AQUACULTURE LICENSES

The Committee reviewed an application for a lease area in the Middle Flats submitted by Mr. Gilkes.

*Motion placed on the floor by Nic to approve the application. David seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).*

MIDDLE FLATS AQUACULTURE AREAS

Rob said he has been in contact with a number of people to determine how many lease areas are currently available at the Middle Flats area including DMF, the Edgartown Selectboard and the former Shellfish Warden. At this time, there is still some uncertainty about who has been approved for these areas and what the location coordinates are. Rob stated that he thinks everyone who holds a lease in Katama Bay should also get an area in Middle Flats as a back-up operation, which DMF agrees with. He would also like to expand the number of available lease areas to accommodate other aquaculture endeavors. After Rob hears back from Kristy in the Selectboard office, he will put together a map of the coordinates of the different existing and proposed areas for DMF to then survey. Rob is hoping to have these coordinates on a map by the next meeting. The Committee discussed where the additional lease areas could be added.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rob reported that it is a busy and productive time of year. He has been helping the Parks Department with the management of Norton Point in addition to preparing the gear and getting shellfish seeded.

EDGARTOWN GREAT POND COMMERCIAL STEAMER CLAM SEASON

The commercial clam season for the Great Pond was approved by the Selectboard.

EDGARTOWN/OAK BLUFFS TOWN LINE IN SENGEKONTACKET

Chris Seidel of the MVC sent over coordinates which has cleared up the issue entirely. The fishermen who disputed the placement of the markers were correct and the markers have now been moved into the proper location. There have been no complaints since the markers were repositioned.

FOS SUMMER INTERNS

The summer intern provided by the Friends of Sengekontacket started this week. This program remains a huge asset to the Shellfish Department every summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Committee will meet again on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The meetings in July and August will be remote.

At 5:00pm, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 5-0.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.