

Town of Edgartown
Cape Pogue DCPC

Minutes of Meeting
April 26, 2023 5:00 P.M.

In Attendance (virtual):

The Trustees of Reservations Membership (Bob Hayman)
County of Dukes County (Martina Thornton)
Cape Pogue Property Owner appointed by the Edgartown Board of Selectmen (Rachel Self)
Edgartown Harbormaster (Charlie Blair)
Massachusetts Environmental Police (Matthew Bass)
Edgartown Board of Health (Chris Edwards)
Edgartown Shellfish Constable (Rob Morrison)
Conservation/Wildlife Specialist (appointed jointly by Sheriffs' Meadow Foundation, Vineyard Conservation Society, and Vineyard Open Land Foundation) (Matt Pelikan)

Meeting called to order.

The December 1, January 26, February 9, and March 30 minutes were submitted for approval. Bob Hayman moved to accept the minutes; Ed Handy seconded. The minutes were approved by roll call vote, with abstentions from Chris Edwards, Ed Handy, and Rob Morrison regarding the March 30th minutes, and from Martina Thornton regarding any dates for which she was not present.

Water Issues

Rachel Self had forwarded an email from Matt Dyroff, who owns a home at the Gut; he had provided photos of seaplanes, jetskis, etc., inquiring regarding the best course of action if people were unruly and not respecting protocols. Charlie Blair and Lt. Bass recommended contacting the communications center. The harbormaster had a log for incidents and would collect data to share with Committee. Marine Advisory had recommended to the Selectmen that the same setup be continued on Cape Pogue as had been in place for the last two years.

Rob Morrison reported that 8,500 bushels of scallops had been harvested from Edgartown; the benchmark for an excellent season was about 10,000 bushels. Nantucket harvested in the high 7000's. He expressed that it was a great season, and hoped for continued success.

Land Issues

During the prior meeting, the Committee had decided to send a letter to the Conservation Commission with the same recommendations for the Norton Point NOI as they had for TTOR's; that letter had been sent.

Rachel Self reported she had spoken with James Hagerty regarding the Dyke Bridge, and understood that TTOR was supposed to provide the Town at some point with a proposed management agreement of some type regarding maintenance of the bulkhead; she did not believe this had happened yet, but had no further information.

Meeting adjourned.