

Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2009

Members present: Earl Peters, Mark Landers, Paul Humber and Greg Skomal

Others present: David Grunden and William Alwardt

Meeting opened at 6:03 PM.

Constables' Report

Constable Grunden read his August 2009 report.

Motion: To accept the report as read. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Humber. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Election of officers

Motion: To retain Earl Peters as Chairman and Mark Landers as Vice-chairman. By: Member Humber. Second: Member Skomal. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Scallop Season Dates

Committee members decided to wait until September meeting to decide on scallop season dates.

William Alwardt asked what would be the earliest date to open as he is concerned about dredging project in Sengekontacket Pond.

Constable Grunden replied October 1st for harvesting but they could move seed anytime. He said that he would have a better idea of when dredging might start after the Joint Committee meeting.

Chairman Peters said they could hold a special meeting if needed prior to the September meeting.

Constable Grunden added that discussions with Cow Bay still on going regarding sale of sand from Sengekontacket Pond.

Old Business

Sunset Lake culvert

Vice-chairman Landers asked if someone could clear the culvert in Sunset Lake as there is no flow.

Constable Grunden answered after September 15th it could be done according the existing order of conditions.

Farm Pond

Constable Grunden advised that just waiting for MassHighway permits to remove plugs out of second culvert.

Starfish removal

Constable Grunden said that deputies are concentrating on the head of Lagoon Pond area.

Chairman Peters said that people need to be educated to remove the starfish, not throw them back in the water.

Motion: To close the meeting. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Humber. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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Meeting closed at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shellfish Secretary