

Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

Members present: Earl Peters, Mark Landers, Joe Leonardo and Paul Humber

Others present: David Grunden, Nicole L Morey

Meeting opened at 6:02 PM.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of October 21st and December 16th were read.

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

Member Moreis arrived at 6:06 PM.

Constables' Report

Constable Grunden read his January 2009 report.

Members discussed the issue of the Shellfish Officers training course being cancelled for fourth year in a row. State sanctioned but not required.

Constable Grunden advised that Jeffrey Clements was paid to move seed in Sengekontacket Pond, that new designation letters were required for 2009 and commercial license holders must renew their license by March 31st. He added that if they want to shellfish that they must have paid for their license.

Motion: To accept the report as read. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Humber. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Regulation review

Members agreed that it was up to the constables' discretion to allow license holders to get more shellfish within the week if they didn't get their limit the first time they went out.

Constable Grunden said that the Board of Selectmen office informs people when they purchase license that Sengekontacket Pond is closed for summer time shellfishing and where the access points to Lagoon Pond are.

Dredging

Constable Grunden advised that there is no contract yet; plan to dredge channel between bridges and will take anywhere from 30-60 days to get permit. He added that they need to find \$500,000 to do the work.

Drawbridge

Members raised concern about the amount of sand from the project is covering the eel grass and expanding the flat.

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Crab traps

Constable Grunden advised that they will be building 50 more crab traps but people are finding very few in Lagoon Pond.

Shell Recycling Program

Constable Grunden told the members that there might be a new program to use discarded shells to fill the potholes at Eastville Beach parking area.

Members had no objections.

Articles

Constable Grunden said that the deadline for Town meeting articles was February 2nd but Town Administrator Dutton had told department heads that there was no money to fund them.

Motion: To close the meeting. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Moreis. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Meeting closed at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary