

Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2008

Members present: Earl Peters, Mark Landers, Joseph Leonardo, Raymond Moreis and Paul Humber

Others present: David Grunden, Nicole L Morey & William Alwardt

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of September 16 2008 were read.

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

Joseph Leonardo arrived at 6:08 PM.

Constables' Report

Constable Grunden read his October 2008 report.

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

Commercial shellfish application

Committee members reviewed applications from the following:

Nicholas Peters
Jesse Burton
Jason Danielson
Richard Morris
Andrew Morris
Lucas Landers – not stamped
Michael Briggs - conditionally

Motion: To approve the applications except Michael Briggs who should further proof of residency and Lucas Landers needs to get his stamped. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Leonardo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Letters

Members reviewed list of Town residents designating another Town resident to be allowed to collect their shellfish limit.

Motion: To approve everyone on the list. By: Member Humber. Second: Member Leonardo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Designated Landing site

Committee members discussed the fact the regulation states that the Oak Bluffs designated landing area is the landing in Tisbury.

William Alwardt did not want to have to use fuel to motor over there when he puts his boat in at Madeiras Cove.

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Constable Grunden gave permission to William Alwardt to land his catch at Madeiras Cove.

Department consolidation

Constable Grunden advised the committee members that the Town Administrator asked him to look into consolidating the Shellfish Department, the Conservation Commission and the Animal Control Officer into a "Natural Resources" department. He said it was still in the research and developmental stages.

Farm Neck test wells

Constable Grunden told the committee that there was no requirement for Farm Neck Golf Course to test the water for nitrogen and the MVC has asked repetitively for the data with nothing ever being received. He said now that Sengekontacket Pond was in the Mass Estuaries Program there may be a legal standing to require testing. He added that the Joint Committee (OB-Edg) is discussing the possibility of bringing the sewer to Ocean Heights.

Motion: To close the meeting. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Leonardo. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Meeting closed at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary