

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

Greg Skomal is on vacation.

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

Meeting opened at 6:05 PM.

#### Previous Minutes

Minutes of March 16, 2010 were read.

**Motion: To accept minutes of March 16, 2010. By: Member Humber. Second: Vice-chairman Landers. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

#### Constables' Report

Constable Grunden read his April 2010 report.

Members discussed the reduction in Shellfish Department staff with the resignation of Danielle Ewart. They expressed their outrage that Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee made cuts without input from the Shellfish Constable or the Committee.

Constable Grunden advised that 12-14 hours per week are spent on the upweller raising steamer clams and Jeffrey Clements would no longer be tending the crab traps.

*Michael Briggs arrived at 6:30 PM*

**Motion: To send a letter to the Board of Selectmen outlining programs that will be cut due to the reduction of the Shellfish Department staffing as well their concern about patrolling of Town ponds and predation control. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Humber. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Members discussed the possibility of combining Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Shellfish Departments and those present all stated that they were **NOT** in favor of combining the two towns.

Constable Grunden said that he had been asked by two Oak Bluffs Selectmen to look into its feasibility and there may be some cost saving when ordering supplies and man hours for certain projects, but he advised that he had not begun started any work on it. He stated that he has been working over 60 hours per week for the Town of Oak Bluffs due to the staffing shortage but only getting paid for 40 and any time spent in Tisbury assisting their constable was on his own time.

Members felt that Constable Grunden should stay in Oak Bluffs.

Contaminated Quahog Relay

Members agreed to reestablish the rotation system in Sengekontacket Pond and three sections should be planted with the relay quahogs in May.

It was decided to plant the relay quahogs into Sections 4, 6 & 7 and to recommend the following opening and closing dates to the Board of Selectmen:

**Close Sections 1, 2,4,5,6 & 7 in Sengekontacket Pond**  
**Open Section 5 on May 22, 2010,**  
**Open Section 2 on June 26, 2010**  
**Open Section 1 on August 7, 2010.**

Harbor Pier

Constable Grunden advised that both Conservation Commission and the Harbor Master have denied the pier application but the owner took it to the DEP and filed suit against the Town. The owner has re-filed and it is with the Conservation Commission but Constable Grunden felt that the Harbor Master has the strongest case for denying it again.

Sengekontacket Pond dredging

Constable Grunden said that there was still no permit.

William Alwardt stated that it should have gone out to bid already and that they need to know how much it will cost incase another article is needed asking for additional funds.

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

Meeting closed at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey  
Shellfish Secretary