

Members present: Mark Landers, Fred Huss, and Paul Humber

Others present: David Grunden, William Alwardt

Meeting opened at 6:03 PM.

Previous Minutes

No previous minutes from August due to tape malfunction.

Constable's Report

Constable Grunden read his September 2010 report.

Member Huss asked if the tunicates were wide spread on the island.

Constable Grunden replied that in 2008 an assessment was done and they were found in almost all major ponds except Edgartown Great Pond and Tisbury Great Pond due to lower salinity. He added that were 11 species found of which three are native and that non-native ones probably came in the 1980's probably in ship's valves. To date none have been found growing in Lagoon or Sengekontact Ponds but a very aggressive non-native species has been found in Tashmoo.

Motion: To accept Constable Grunden's September 2010 report. By: Member Humber. Second: Member Huss. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Letter of support

Members discussed letters of support to Permanent Endowment of MV regarding Constable Grunden's proposal to purchase underwater video equipment in order to monitor eel grass beds.

Motion: To send a letter of support for proposal. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Huss. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

Scallop dates

Constable Grunden recommended the following dates for scallop season due to dredging:

Sengekontacket Pond

- Recreational Permit Holders – October 1, 2010
- Commercial Permit Holders – October 4, 2010

Outside waters

- Recreational Permit Holders – October 16, 2010
- Commercial Permit Holders – October 18, 2010

Lagoon Pond

- Recreational Permit Holders – October 30, 2010
- Commercial Permit Holders – November 1, 2010

Constable Grunden said he was told by Chairman Peters that he wanted to wait until October 16th to open Sengekontacket Pond for recreational scalloping.

Motion: To recommend to the Board of Selectmen the dates as recommended by Constable Grunden. By: Member Huss. Second: Vice-chairman Landers. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Members commented that there are a lot of blue claw crabs.

Dredge update

Constable Grunden stated that there is a possibility of it beginning on October 15th.

William Alwardt asked if any payment had been sent.

Constable Grunden replied that he did not know as that was up to the Town Administrator.

Estuaries projects update

Constable Grunden said that the Sengekontacket report was just released and will be reviewed by the Joint Oak Bluffs-Edgartown Committee before it is released to public and that meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 8th. He added that the Farm Pond study has also been released but there is no committee set up yet to review it.

Committee members appointed Member Huss to the Farm Pond Committee to attend a meeting on October 7th.

Constables Grunden said these reports will help with future dredge projects and putting more pressure on installing sewers as it defines nitrogen level going into the ponds and what the healthy limit should be.

Scallop seed

Both Constable Grunden and Mr Alwardt have been moving scallop seed out to deeper water in Lagoon Pond.

Meeting closed at 6:40 PM.

DISCLAIMER: These minutes are based on a tape recording and as such have a margin of error.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary