

Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2007

Members present: Earl Peters, Mark Landers, and Raymond Moreis JR

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

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

Previous minutes of November 15, 2007 were read.

Motion by: Vice-chairman Landers to approve minutes as read. Second by: Member Moreis.
Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

December 2007 report read by Constable Grunden.

Motion by: Vice-chairman Landers to approve report as read. Second by: Member Moreis.
Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Member Leonardo arrived at 6:25 PM.

Drawbridge

William Alwardt heard a rumor that Vineyard Haven was offered \$5,000 per year for restoration of shellfish due the drawbridge construction and that Oak Bluffs turned it down.

Constable Grunden advised that was false; it was a joint request from Tisbury and Oak Bluffs to MassHighway and nothing has been received from them to date.

Earl Peters heard the same thing and that Constable Grunden had rejected the money.

Constable Grunden replied that was not the case and a letter was sent over a year ago by both himself and Tisbury Shellfish Constable Cimeno but the money was not put in the contract or approved by MassHighway to the best of his knowledge.

Commercial Application

As the applicant was not present and there were no rent receipts, the application was rejected 4-0.

Dredging Article

Constable Grunden advised that there would be an article requesting \$500K to dredge Sengekontacket Pond channel from bridge to bridge.

Sengekontacket Pond

Chairman Peters stated he didn't want to see another seasonal closure of the pond but if there is then the entire pond should be opened.

Constable Grunden answered that the closure cannot be avoided and they could put more of the relay quahogs in Lagoon Pond instead.

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Motion to close the meeting was passed unanimously 4-0.

Meeting closed at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary