

Members present: Mark Landers, Paul Humber and William Alwardt

Others present: David Grunden, Nicole Morey, Steven Amaral, Kyle Peters, Gail Barmakian (BoS), Michael Santoro (BoS) and Elizabeth Mansure

Commercial Shellfish Application

Committee members reviewed and approved Melissa Carr's commercial shellfish license application.

Meeting opened at 6:05 PM.

Election of Officers

Mark Landers was nominated for Chairman by William Alwardt and seconded by Paul Humber. Mr Landers accepted the position.

Paul Humber was nominated for Vice-chairman by Mark Landers and seconded by William Alwardt. Mr Humber accepted the position.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes of May 17 & 25, 2011 were read.

Motion: To accept minutes as read. By: Vice-chairman Landers. Second: Member Humber. Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

Meeting dates

The monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of September, which will be on Wednesday, September 21st due to Member Alwardt being on vacation.

Shellfish Constable's Report

Constable Grunden read his August 2011 report.

He advised that that there were 12-14 rafts out with the same density as last year, he felt that the quahog seed was not growing as fast perhaps due to low water flow therefore less food in the water.

Chairman Landers said that he rarely sees any of the shell fishermen tending the crab traps but he has seen the Deputy doing it. He would like to see them spread out more.

Constable Grunden said that they are done putting sand on Town beaches (Pay/Inkwell) and discussing the Conservation Commission about putting the big pile that remains onto State Beach.

Members expressed concern about the amount of gravel under Little Bridge and whether or not the dredge could get under it. It was agreed that it was preventing water flow into the pond.

Gail Barmakian said that she would look into getting MIG to come back and assist with the gravel removal. *(She left the meeting at 6:42 PM).*

Members were not happy about there being only one access from the road into the parking lot and therefore the boat ramp at Little Bridge due to the new curbing along bus stop.

Constable Grunden advised that they are mopping for starfish about two-three hours per week.

Motion: To accept the report. By: Chairman Landers. Second: Vice-chairman Humber. Motion passed 3-0.

Deputy Constable update

Constable Grunden said that Jason Mallory works Saturday, Sunday & Mondays. He is pleasant and knowledgeable.

Chairman Landers said that he has seen him out on the boats, patrolling, tending traps etc. Both he and Member Alwardt stressed the need for him to check beaches for seed especially during and after wind events.

Oak Bluffs-Tisbury line

Constable Grunden stated that he got some old mushroom anchors and they plan to drop two buoys between the bridge and buoy that is already out. He said that they are already in agreement with Tisbury to use two boats to mark the line and that the bridge will be marked as well.

Chairman Landers said that the constables should be ready to give a warning first and then ticket. He would like the committee members to be informed of any infractions.

Member Alwardt stated that it is the same people every year.

September agenda

Members requested that at the next meeting they would like to get a gear report as well as the 2010 scallop catch report. They will also set the scallop dates.

Chairman Landers stated that he will not allow the meetings to get out of control; he will stop and adjourn the meeting should it happen.

Members discussed the vacancy on committee; no recommendations were proposed.

Sengekontacket Pond update

Elizabeth Mansure said that Mike Syslo of DMF told her that only the two back sections are bad but the front area is clean.

Constable Grunden agreed with her and said he has discussed this with DMF. He also said it would have to be reviewed after the summer season water sample results were received.

Michael Santoro suggested that if that is the case than the Committee put something together for the Board of Selectmen so they can write to DMF in October about the issue.

Dredging the Big Bridge channel was discussed; Edgartown knows it needs to be done but they need to get permits to do it.

Meeting closed at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary