

Members present: Mark Landers, Paul Humber, William Alwardt and Elizabeth Mansure

Others present: David Grunden and Nicole Morey

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes of December 20, 2011 were read.

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

Shellfish Constable's Report

Constable Grunden read his January 2012 report.

He said that the dredge project is completed and he has been assured that channel is connected.

Vice-chairman Humber suggested an aerial photograph would show the dredge channel.

Member Alwardt said he had spoken with Wastewater Manager Joe Alosso who informed him that Gail Barmakian doesn't want Oak Bluffs to begin sewerage around Lagoon Pond until Tisbury does.

Constable Grunden said that he is supposed to go to a Wastewater meeting when they discuss the expansion around Lagoon Pond.

Member Mansure suggested residents could use a friendlier lawn product to reduce the nitrogen into the Pond.

Constable Grunden said he could put something into the Lagoon Pond Association newsletter.

Members urged the continuation of the addling of geese eggs around Lagoon Pond; they wanted to know why Farm Neck Golf Club was not in the program as both Waterview Farms development and Land Bank allow it on their property abutting Sengekontacket Pond.

Chairman Landers suggested sending a letter to Farm Neck requesting permission for 2012.

Motion: To accept the report. By: Vice-Chairman Humber. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed 4-0.

Disposal of shells

Chairman Landers asked if the shells could be placed on the access road to Sengekontacket Pond near the little bridge. He thought that the shells might harden up the road way.

Constable Grunden said he would speak with the County Manager about the possibility. He added that perhaps at the MVSG workshop on Saturday about shell recycling might also include scallop shells.

FY 2013 budget

Constable Grunden advised that he met with interim Town Administrator and while he would like the Deputy Constable position be funded with an additional 16 hours, the budget reflects full funding of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group assessment for FY13. He said he used to have a full-time and a part-time deputy but were cut two years ago and the budget only reflects reinstatements of cuts made one year ago.

Members Alwardt suggested amending the budget on Town Meeting floor if the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator won't do it.

Motion: To send a letter to the Finance Committee requesting that the Deputy Constable position be restored to full-time (40 hours) status. By: Vice-chairman Humber. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed 4-0.

Regulation Review

Members continued to review regulations and voted on the following changes:

- #5a) Increase commercial shellfish license fee to three hundred fifty (\$350.00) dollars. Motion passed 3-1 abstained.
- #5b)i) Increase resident family shellfish license to forty (\$40.00) dollars. Motion passed 4-0.
- #5b)i) The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty (60) years of age by December 31, 2012 shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars. The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty-one (61) years of age by December 31, 2013 shall pay five (\$5.00). The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty-two (62) years of age by December 31, 2014 shall pay five (\$5.00). The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty-three (63) years of age by December 31, 2015 shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars. The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty-four (64) years of age by December 31, 2016 shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars. The fee for any resident senior citizen who has attained a minimum of sixty-five (65) years of age by December 31, 2017 shall pay five (\$5.00) dollars. Motion passed 4-0.
- #5b)iii) Increase one (1) week non-resident family shellfish license to thirty (\$30.00) dollars. Motion passed 4-0.
- #5b)iv) Increase two (2) week non-resident family shellfish permit to fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars. Motion passed 4-0.

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- #5b)v) Increase one (1) month non-resident family permit to eighty (\$80.00) dollars. Motion passed 4-0.
- #5b)vi) Any Oak Bluffs resident who has served in the military and can provide proof of service with a United States government issued identification card or their DD214 shall have his/her family shellfish license fee waived. Motion passed 4-0.
- #8 To change regulation to read "A letter from the person for whom the shellfish will be collected must be submitted annually to the Shellfish Constable."
- #11a) Remove "near the little bridge, or". Motion passed 4-0.
- #25 & #26 To change the time from twelve (12) noon to ten (10) am.

Members agreed to resume regulation review at #23 Scuba Diving at their next meeting in February.

Gear update

Constable Grunden advised that the boat is being worked at Albie Clement's and the upweller is out of Sunset Lake.

Meeting closed at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary