

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:30PM

Zoom Meeting

Attended: Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, John Duane, Zack Dixon, Damian Parkington

Absent: Jake Puffer, Chip Benton

Others In Attendance: Nancy Civetta, John Mankevetch, Scott Horsley, Curt Felix, Ginny Parker

R. Taylor called meeting to order at 6:32PM

Meeting minutes of May 20, 2021 – J. Duane made motion to approve minutes as written, Z. Dixon 2nd, all in favor 4-0.

Discussion of WSD participation in town water quality planning through shellfish propagation and rotating closures – Scott Horsley and John Mankevetch

Scott gave an update on the overall Wellfleet Targeted Watershed Plan. He presented the same to Mike Devasto and Curt Felix earlier in week. The overall plan is getting positive feedback. Many aspects of plan were discussed. Good amount of time spent on the Innovative and Alternative Septics. The shellfish increased propagation plan is 10% of overall solution.

J. Mankevetch reviewed the proposed increased propagation 5 year plan. Areas of focus are Chipman's Cove (the cove), Duck Creek, Loagy Bay, Blackfish Creek. Goal is to reduce nitrogen and also increased our propagation efforts.

Discussion of whether to relay shellfish from edges of channel around Chipman's Cove and Duck Creek should they be deemed at high risk of mortality due to dredging activities.

N. Civetta stated the next dredging efforts will begin October 1, 2021 around Chipman's Cove and Duck Creek. The concern is some areas have a good amount of shellfish and should be remove before dredging begins. How do we do and when do we start. Nancy will reach out to the community for suggestions. Will add this topic to a future meeting.

Housing (discuss agenda for June or July Meeting) Tom/ Rebecca

T. Siggia discussed the two Housing Authority meeting he attended. He stated the Housing committee would like to participate in a future meeting to discuss the programs for housing and rental assistance that could help the shellfish community.. The team suggested a fall meeting. The summer being our busy season would have less participation.

Topics for future meeting: All

G. Parker would like a future meeting to include a discussion on a potential moratorium on grant extensions until areas are properly surveyed.

N. Civetta would like the topic of "Rights of Public Access" to be reviewed.

Next meeting will be on June 17th at 5PM

R. Taylor made motion to close meeting at 8:53PM . T Siggia 2nd, all in favor 4-0