Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021 6PM

Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Zack Dixon

Others in Attendance: Helen Miranda Wilson (individual), Jordan Halloran, John Mankevetch, Audrey Healey, Bob Wallas, William Sullivan, Chuck Cole, Sonya Woodman, Karen Johnson, Ginny Parker, Barbara Brennessel, John Riehl, Melissa Yow

HDYLTA Plan – The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the utilization of the HDYLTA parcels and get input from the stakeholders. The SAB was asked by Select Board to give a recommendation by 12/31/2021.

R Taylor called meeting to order at 6:05PM

The departments and groups represented were the SAB, Shellfish Department, Harbormaster, NRAB, Wild Fishermen, WSA, Deep Water Grant Holders, Grant Holders, Rights to Public Access Group and the public.

We shared with the team by email the HDYLTA package that was used at the Select board public hearing.

R Taylor asked the participants to discuss those topics that their groups were most interested in.

The following topics were discussed.

Grants – should we add any, do we have any space available, should it be a lottery or 1^{st} come, 1^{st} served.

Deep water grants – should we move in closer to shore, will improve navigation.

Survey those grants that are underutilized. Could others be part of.

Density issues with our clams.

If we do make changes to the parcels, conservation commission must be part of review process.

We discussed an email that was sent to the SAB from Anne Sterling (President of Field Point home owners.) Points were no reconfiguration, no large vehicles, keep noise and speed at a minimum, drive slowly.

We should continue to maintain a wild area in the HDYLTA Parcel.

Moratorium – Should we lift or keep as is. What about extensions?

Boating community – Navigation is important, Buoys in channel, Actions we are working are positive. Important to keep communication of boating and shellfish community going.

The group wanted clarity on access to the parcel. The road is private, is there a town landing? what other roads have access .

R Taylor summarized the important topics,

Respect upland owners and their property

Not enough space for a productive grant

Deep water grants move in.

Long term planning – sea level rise, climate change, water temperature

Next SAB Meeting is December 28th – will review letter to Select board on HDYLTA utilization

Topics for future meeting – License Fees, Seasonal Permits, Deep Water Grants

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM