

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023 6:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting – Senior Center and Zoom

Attendees: Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, John Duane, Ethan Estey, Karen Johnson, Stephen Pickard, Nick Sirucek, Adrien Kmiec
Absent: Damian Parkington

Others: Alfred Pickard, Ben Pickard, Christopher Manulla, Deborah Burstein, Curt Felix, Deborah Mattingly, Dwight Estey, Toby

Meeting came to order at 6:06 PM

Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments

T. Siggia discussed the Conservation meeting on Wednesday February 15. Beach re-nourishment is on agenda.

Review and approve meeting minutes – January 30, 2023

E. Estey made motion to approve minutes with one correction. J. Duane 2nd, all in favor 7-0.

Update on Dredging Shellfish and Mitigation (Herring River) – Curt Felix

C. Felix reviewed the latest update with the Army Core on mitigation. If decision is restoration, then we would decide the 14 acres, if enhancement, then we are looking at 28 acres to mitigate. If we allow commercial use of bottom, then Army Core could ask for my acres. The Northeast and Southwest areas of the Herring River were discussed. The actions that were discussed were conditionally approved.

Delete 7.22 Hydraulic Harvesting – Discuss regulations

The Selectboard asked the SAB to determine if the above regulations should change. After long discussion with board and Shellfish community, S. Pickard made motion to prohibit Hydraulic Harvesting in Wellfleet Harbor, E. Estey 2nd, vote was 5-0-2. Motion passed. Becca and Nick abstained. Note sent to BOS on 02/14/2023

Egg Island 7.4 regulation – Discuss Boundaries

Discussion was focused on Egg Island boundary points. A couple of maps were reviewed. The board recommends Egg Island be its own area (5) for the present grants and wild area. Simplify boundary wording. Area should be surveyed by town to ensure Grant renewals are not delayed. Next meeting will focus entirely on this topic.

Future topics: Egg Island – Rewrite regulations per Selectboard

Next meeting will be March 9th at 7PM at COA. T.Siggia will reach out to town to determine if basement meeting room at town hall is available for meeting. At 8:01PM, E. Estey made motion to close meeting, R.Taylor 2nd, all in favor 7-0.

