

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting – Senior Center and Zoom

Board Attendees: Rebecca Taylor, Steven Pickard, Ethan Estey, Karen Johnson, Adrien Kmiec, John Duane, Brad Morse

Number of Public Attendees Including Zoom: 12

Meeting Opened: 7:02 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 9:32 PM

Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments

Tim Sayer stated he was running for selectboard and asked for SAB support.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2023

Karen Johnson made a motion to approve the August 24 minutes. Steven Pickard seconded the motion. Motion passes 7 – 0.

Discussion of the possibility of a Family Permit / Junior Permit

After a discussion, the board decided to revisit the possibility of a family permit at the next meeting after getting more community input. The board then decided to give a recommendation to the selectboard for the creation of a junior (14 -17 years) permit at the same price as a senior resident (65 + years) permit of \$30. R. Taylor made a motion to make a recommendation to the selectboard for the creation of a junior permit and J. Duane seconded the motion. Motion passes 7 – 0.

Discussion of the best way to address the effect of pesticides and fertilizers on shellfishing.

Rick Frankalini, discussed the Orleans Town Initiative which is calling for a reduction in the use of pesticides and fertilizers in Orleans. Rick explained the process that Orleans has used to address their pesticide concern. He offered to share any knowledge and information, including a warrant article that Orleans has

created, that could be helpful to the Town of Wellfleet residents who may have concerns themselves. Rick discussed the process of implementing home rule to address pesticide application and the importance of multiple towns supporting this approach in their own communities.

K. Bacon suggested J. Duane facilitates Rich attending a Natural Resource Advisory Board to continue sharing information with the town on this subject.

Continuation of propagation discussion. The cultching permit and the effect of this on town propagation plans.

N. Civetta explained why the town did not have a cultching permit for 2022 but the matter had been successfully resolved. S. Pickard asked for the coordinates of a cultch load that was dumped in the vicinity of Smalley's bar because he didn't see that area listed on the permit. N. Civetta stated she would look into it for the GPS coordinates. The shellfish department and the board discussed some of the intricacies related to cultching.

Seed Availability and the status of the DMF seed sourcing initiatives

M. Devasto gave an update on the Massachusetts seed sourcing initiative. A sub committee was formed to address the concern of the availability of seed in Massachusetts. Nick K. shared information of the oyster disease testing process and that the tests showed his oysters from the spat collectors in the town cove showed no disease presence

Future Topics

S. Pickard proposed a site walk on the town cove to gain a better understanding of the clutching project and work done in the area. The SAB scheduled a site visit for the town cove on Wednesday, September 27th, at 4:00 P.M.

C. Merl asked if the shellfish warden job description will be available at our next meeting.

T. Sayer suggested an update on a committee meeting by M. Devasto on the grant license transfers.

R. Taylor made a motion to end the meeting at 9:32. J. Duane seconded the motion.

Next meeting:

Monday, October 23rd at 7:00