

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2023 7PM  
Hybrid Meeting – Senior Center and Zoom

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

Absent: Damian Parkington

Others: Ryan Curley, Michael Devasto, Helen Miranda Wilson, Diane Brunt, Brad Morse, Michael Rose, Iris, Chris Allgeier, David Richetts, Gail Fergosm, Denise Lapierre, Charter Williams

R. Taylor open meeting at 7:05PM

### **Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments-**

Mike Hickey, a DMF employee for 52 years passed away

### **Review and approve meeting minutes – May 9, 2023**

K. Johnson made motion to approve minutes, E. Estey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 5-0

### **Conflict of interest and Open Meeting Law Training**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Senior center 7PM will be meeting.

### **NRAB – Update**

J. Duane gave update on progress of harbor study. Hoping to name a consultant by fall timeframe.

### **Corporations and other business entities named on Grants – Continued**

Update from Town Council – Recommended amending regulations on the corporation topic.

It was stated that the regulations and control of fishery is decided by town.

A lot of comments from community on why and why not corporations on license is a good idea. A member of an insurance firm gave us an update on liability.

S. Pickard made motion to prohibit corporations being named on a license , E.Estey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 3-4...motion failed.

Another concern was brought up that this could cause more workload for the WSD if passed.

It was agreed we discuss the 3 regulation proposals from Wilson, Devasto and Curley at next meeting.

Also we should send a note to shellfishing community for their feedback on the topic of corporations being named on license.

### **Town Propagation Plans – WSD**

J. Mankevetch gave an update on WSD propagation plan.  
Quahogs have 4 year classes of quahogs under nets, from 2018-2021.  
Oysters – the town is scheduled to receive 100k oyster seed from Cape Cod Oyster (paid from revolving fund) and 80k-90k seed through County and State funds.  
80k-100k oyster seed is being planned for blackfish creek dredging / mitigation plan with BOS approval  
Approximately 140K hat oyster seed awaiting maturity earmarked for Indian Neck recreational area.  
Cultch – our Chapter 91 permit was issued in 2022 and its already clear that our cultching efforts will be constrained. Some areas are too small in comparison to where we use to cultch

### **Massachusetts New Hatchery**

Postponed to a future meeting

### **Reorganize SAB**

J. Duane made motion to keep SAB executive team in place, N, Sirucek 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 3-0, 4 abstained.  
It was agreed to revisit at next meeting.

### **Communication from SAB to Shellfish community**

R. Taylor made motion to begin communicating directly to the shellfish community, E, Estey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 6-0-1  
We will advise community on date of SAB meeting, Agenda and to post a packet of information 48 hours before meeting.  
Also this will be a vehicle to get input from community on key topics.  
Requested town administration to educate us on how to email, prepare packet, etc.  
A comment was made to create a new Communication Leader. Will vote on that at next meeting during the Reorganize SAB topic.  
The plan is do a 6 month trail to determine if the new process is accepted by community.

### **Dredging/Mitigation Update**

C. Allgeier updated the team on two questions that came up at last BOS meeting.

1.) If the town invokes the opt out cause, is full payment of the fee required at that time as a lump sum or can payments be staggered? No, a lump sum is needed.

2.) Confirmation that the non-compliance language in the March 14 email is superseded by the terms of the (final) Mitigation Plan. The Corps confirms the non-compliance language in the March 14 email is superseded by the terms of the (final) Mitigation Plan.

E. Estey made motion to see the final document before an SAB vote, S. Pickard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 7-0.

**Future topics:** Status of grants on Indian Neck, Review 3 regulation drafts from Wilson, Devasto and Curley, SAB reorganization

Next meeting will be June 27, 28, or 29<sup>th</sup> depending on senior center availability

R. Taylor made motion to end meeting at 9:45pm, K. Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 7-0.

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