

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday April 16, 2019
7:00 pm
Town Hall

B. Austin called the meeting to order at

Attended: Barbara Austin(chair), John Duane, Zack Dixon, Dave Seitler, Tom Siggia

Regrets: Rebecca Taylor, Jim O'Connell, Jacob Puffer, Brett Morse,

Others in attendance: Others: Nancy Civetta, Barbara Brennessel, Cassandra Healy, Donovan McElligah, Johny Clam, Martha Craig, Andy Koch, Justin Lynch, Stephen Pickard, Garry Burgess

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes

No vote on March minutes due to no quorum of members that were at the March meeting

2. Shellfish Dept. update

Nancy C. distributed the February and March WSD report

3. Quahog relay, cultching, propagation and rotation of closed propagation areas
Approve new GPS point #5 to correct inaccuracy in current regs; map and appendix B and C.

Johnny Clam - gave an update on oyster and clam propagation.

Introduced the idea of rotational closures:

- spawning areas are a primary tool in propagation efforts
- first thought is to do approximately 5 acres it on the West Side
 - close, cultch then open on the third year
- WSD very open to input and not married to the West Side

Discussion included ideas from draggers on the best areas to try this.

John made a motion that all longitudes and latitudes in regulations be changed to decimal degrees and change the latitude and longitude on pt. #5 (see map). Barbara seconded. Passed 4-0.

4. Martha Craig (FHRP): Herring River Questions for and about stakeholders meeting in May; also a brief update on progress

Martha gave an update on monitoring efforts in the Herring River.

- hydrodynamic modeling has been expanded to beyond Egg Island
- results will be in soon
- Park Service has been monitoring water quality since 2005. It has also been expanded recently.
- Park Service and Woods Hole group is monitoring continuous water level and water quality with automated tide gauges
- Center for Coastal Studies, Woods Hole Group and USGS will conduct a study to map how sediment moves

HRRP is moving into the permitting and fundraising phase (funding focused on Federal) in the hope of going to construction 2022.

Zack Dixon asked about when and by whom adaptive management thresholds will be set.

Stephen Pickard commented that not everything will go upriver . . . something will come downriver

Martha noted both of these questions/comments and will convey these concerns to HRRP

5. Brett Morse: Information on Wellfleet Fisherman's Association news

Brett not able to be at meeting.

6. M.S.I.: Update and possible letter from S.A.B. on house docket no. 1109

Barbara Austin heard that Mike Devasto was able to talk a great deal about why docket no. 1109 is not favored by Wellfleet.

Discussion of writing a letter of no support. Barbara read aloud WSA letter of no support.

Ginny Parker asserted that Chris Sherman wrote the bill and that MAA has hired Brent Mitchell (from Farm Bureau) to lobby on behalf of the bill.

7. H.D.Y.L.T.A. Trust update: Town Meeting recommendations

Nancy reported that Selectmen will meet in Executive session this week to discuss negotiations

8. Shellfish Management plan: Next step to include 208 Wastewater plans postponed until next meeting

Barbara brought up article 35 that we voted to recommend at last meeting has been changed and is now article 36 and its substance has been changed. Will discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting Monday, April 22, 2019

Following meeting Wed May 15, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm