

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:30PM

Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Jake Puffer, Zack Dixon, Chip Benton

Others in attendance: Nancy Civetta, Helen Miranda Wilson, Ryan Curley, Mike Devasto, John Riehl, Bruce Hurter, Peggy Sagan, Tom Slack, Dennis O'Connell

Rebecca Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:39PM

Minutes of Last Meeting

Tom Siggia made motion to approve minutes of January 6, 2021. Rebecca Taylor 2nd, all in favor 4-0.

Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative Update – Mike Devasto

Mike gave the board an update on the goals, strategies and recommended actions from their last working group. He reviewed the 3 areas that were important to the stake holders.

1. Direct Sales to Consumers
2. Labeling at Point of Retail
3. 208 Oysters – Economic Impact

Open Space Discussion – John Riehl & Bruce Hurter

John Introduced Bruce. He gave us an update on the conversations the team is having on Indian Neck. He made the point that his team is focused on three items. (Clean Harbor, Sea Level Rise and Access to Water). He is seeking SAB support. Tom suggested his team prepare the warrant wording and we can discuss at next meeting. Wording should include commercial shell fishing ability to use conservation commission protected lands.

John Riehl discussed rights of public access on LT Island. The pathway before bridge, the boat house and additional parking spots on SW corner of the Island were reviewed.

Shellfish Department Update – Nancy Civetta

Chipman's Cove changes due to mooring

Nancy discussed some of the possible changes in this area. Some areas might be designated “ Conditional Status”. Not a big change but worth mentioning.

Farmers market – Vendors from out of town

Nancy reviewed the success of the market. So far 7 markets, 550 customers , 15 different shellfisherman participating and revenues of \$30K. We discussed the possibility of other town shellfisherman participating who bring a different product to market. Lots of discussion but we settled on a wait and see approach.

Update on Permit increases

Nancy reviewed the recreational shellfish flyers appearing in the tax bill envelope this coming season. The select board put this idea on hold. They will look into all departments before deciding.

Next meeting is March 17th at 6:30PM. Zoom

Rebecca made motion to adjourn meeting. Tom 2nd, all in favor 4-0 at 9:05PM