

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday June 4, 2021 9AM - Zoom

Attending: Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, John Duane, Zack Dixon, Jake Puffer, Damian Parkington

Absent: Chip Benton

Others in attendance : Nancy Civetta, Helen Miranda Wilson, Ryan Curley, Mike DeVasto(private citizen), Patrick Winslow, Michele Insley, Diane Brunt, Barbara Austin, Brent Valli, Dan Morton, Nathaniel Tesson, Nick Sirucek, Nora Clark-Jennings, Evan Bruinooge, Steven Pickard, Ralph Bassett, Ginny Parker, Shea Murphy, Katie Murphy, Sarah

R. Taylor called meeting to order at 9:03AM.

Three members of our select board were part of the discussion. Mike Devasto (he stated he was a private citizen), Helen Miranda Wilson and Ryan Curley.

A discussion to prepare a letter of support for the “Massachusetts One Stop Full Application FY22 Wellfleet 00660” – the town is preparing a MassWorks grant request of approximately \$2M million to help pay for 95 Lawrence Wastewater treatment facility.

After a brief discussion on the value of the proposed grant application and answering a few questions on benefits, Z. Dixon made motion to approve letter, R. Taylor 2nd, all in favor 5-0.

The following letter was sent:

To whom it may concern:

The Shellfish Advisory Board voted unanimously to support the Massachusetts One Stop Full Application FY22 Wellfleet 00660.

A cleaner harbor would most definitely benefit the Shellfish Community.

Thank you.

Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, John Duane, Zack Dixon, Jack Puffer, Damian Parkington

A discussion on whether to send a letter to Board Of Selectman recommending a moratorium on grant license and extensions until properties are surveyed.

A robust discussion took place on the above topic with many from the community adding their insight. Topics included HDYLTA, is GPS the right tool , Surveys should be done from the previous points, do we survey the entire harbor, should the army core of engineers be involved, disputes should be handled by grant neighbors, what is the process for grant extension, how many do we have, the entire community should be part of discussion, how many boundary issues do we have, are we taking Nature into consideration, pandemic caused the entire fishery to pause, how many departments are involved in the approval of extension and grants, our present regulations are fine, wild fisheries, preserve lanes between grants, to name a few.

After a long 2 ½ hour discussion ,

J.Duane made a motion to recommend a moratorium on grants and grant extensions. R Taylor 2nd, the vote did not pass. (3 no's , 2 yes). Our alternative member, D.Parkington voted yes. Although it would have not changed outcome it would have created a 3 to 3 tie vote. Discussion continued on whether or not his vote should have been recorded. Was decided that town council should weigh in.

H. Wilson recommended sending a letter to acting town administrator and BOS on our discussion.

The WSA and SAB strongly suggested a meeting with all stake holders to produce a comprehensive plan moving forward. We should establish a working group to discuss next steps.

Next meeting is June 21st at 9AM

T Slggia made motion to end meeting, J Duane 2nd, all in favor 4-0 . Meeting ended at 11:55AM