

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
Town Hall Basement Conference Room

Board Members in attendance: Rebecca Taylor (Chair), Brad Morse (Vice Chair), Nick Sirucek (secretary), Adrien Kmiec, Stephen Pickard, Ethan Estey, John Duane (via Zoom), Chris Merl  
Regrets: Damien Parkington

### Announcements & Public Comment

- Interim TA Tom Guerino gave an update on the Town Ice Machine project. Stated that the Request For Proposal will be posted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Gave update on possible encumbrances and easement issues regarding abutters, stated that Town Counsel has been asked to review.
- C.Merl asked about a legal opinion from Town Counsel regarding possible use of the Shellfish Revolving Fund

### Approve Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed. N.Sirucek noted that there was a sentence fragment that needed amending
- Motion to approve by E.Estey, 2nd'd by A.Kmiec, motion approved 7-0

### Town Ice Machine Update and alternate funding sources

- J.Wolf, the Select Board liaison to SAB, gave an update on potential alternate funding sources including Seaport Council and Gulf of Maine Institute. Commented on issues with the proposed location and spoke of alternate locations, specifically the old shellfish shack. Commented on potential "Plan B" if issues arise with the current proposed location.
- C.Merl asked about Seaport Grant and issues with the old shellfish shack/bathhouse location
- N.Sirucek asked J.Wolf about the town looking into getting a grant from Wellfleet Oyster Alliance or using Marina funds
- Kathleen Bacon commented that town has funding for one machine and WOA could potentially fund related infrastructure but town needs to determine location first. Commented on bathhouse being deemed unusable due to multiple issues. Spoke of possible alternate location past harbormaster office.
- C.Merl commented on potential traffic issues at Harbormaster location, especially re: boat trailers
- Carli Bertrand from Wellfleet Oyster Alliance spoke of WOA's willingness to help fund the ice machine project. Noted that funds could be used for anything, not just infrastructure, and that the Town just needs to ask for some amount
- S.Pickard commented on the town owned land between the basketball courts and marina. Noted that the bathhouse area is deed restricted and doesn't allow commercial use. Commented on possible noise complaints if machine was placed down towards the end of the marina. Commented on his visit to a similar ice machine setup in Newport.
- J. Wolf noted that the marina would likely need to be rewired in order to support an ice machine down by the harbormaster building
- S.Pickard commented that making necessary electricity and water supply changes at the marina would be expensive

- J.Wolf commented that the town hopes to have the questions regarding potential easement issues answered soon

### Shellfish Revolving Fund Review

- S.Pickard commented that he wants to see documented expenditures of the SRF since it's inception
- B.Morse commented that he's been trying to get information about the SRF from the town accountant and treasurer. Received some, but wants more information
- S.Pickard commented that if money from SRF is being used for things such as vehicles, that takes money away from propagation efforts
- N.Sirucek commented that Constable Civetta said she would come back to SAB with her requested increase for budget line 180
- C.Merl commented that if SAB is to give advise on SRF spending, then they need more information
- B.Morse commented on the WSD request to use more SRF funds for cultching, spoke of need for more cultching on outer bars of Chipman's Cove
- S.Pickard commented on need for cultching to be more targeted, suggested site visits by SAB and need for SAB to have more input on what WSD does for cultching
- The board further discussed timing/location of cultching, noted issues with silting, location of cultch, spawning times, etc

### Future Topics

- Diane Brunt asked about further review of SRF, noted that warrant period closes soon, asked for more transparency of SRF, spoke of 2019 warrant article that created SRF
- A.Kmiec asked if a warrant article for additional Ice Machine funding is needed
- B.Morse commented that we are still waiting on legal opinions from Town Counsel regarding easements and SRF funding, noted that Select Board may discuss Ice Machine at their March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
- N.Sirucek commented that the ice machines could always be moved in the future if there are any abutter issues
- J.Aberdale commented on the Seaport Grant and possibility of getting funds for marina infrastructure
- A.Kmiec spoke of concerns about the Duck Harbor overwash and Herring River Project flushing into the harbor, would like SAB to hear from people involved in the project. Other board members also commented on concerns with water quality coming out of Herring River
- Board noted that deadline for warrant articles is March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Future topics discussed included Cultching, Quahog Relay, Propagation, SRF review, Ice Machine, Herring River Project
- Board proposed to meet on Zoom on March 21<sup>st</sup> and a hybrid meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Materials used at this meeting: 2019 SRF Town Warrant Article, WOA Grant application, SAB March 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Port Infrastructure Grant, FY23/FY24 SRF Expenditures/Revenues balance, FY25 SRF Warrant Article