



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Shellfish Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday August 6, 2019 6:30pm-9:00pm**  
**Public Safety Building**  
**800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Jamie Davenport, Susan Harrison, and Craig Rosenquist.

**Committee Members not in Attendance:** Jeff Palmer and Mike Dimeo

**Committee Liaisons in Attendance:** None

**Also, in Attendance:** Bob Wigmore, Mike Cotter, John Tedeschi and Brian Kelly

**This meeting was called to order by Jamie Davenport at 6:46PM.**

**Approval of the July 9, 2019 and July 17, 2019 meeting minutes.** Jamie Davenport made a motion to approve, Craig Rosenquist second. All in favor (3-0) Approved.

**Update on Title Search/ Site Survey.** Jamie Davenport reported that there are no issues with the Title search, and we are waiting for a write up from the Town Administrator.

**Continue group discussion on the Application and Town Rules and Regulations governing commercial aquaculture. Discuss presentation for August 7, 2019 Waterways meeting.** The Shellfish Committee ("Committee") agreed to switch the order of the agenda and walk through the Regulations and presentation first. The committee walked through the presentation. Then walked through additional questions and comments from the Waterways Commission.

Brian Kelly from the Waterways Commission attended the meeting and discussed his comments. Comments and questions include:

Brian reiterated that the EDC was interested in requiring the marketing of all oysters as "Scituate Oysters" for example "Scituate Oyster by XYZ Oyster Company." Susan commented that the notes that she was sent from the Waterways meeting indicated that we could not put this in the regulations. Brian thought that we could. It was discussed that this would be almost impossible to regulate but the Committee decided to include the language in the definitions section of the regulations.

Brian thought that the Committee should investigate additional fees to cover both the start up and ongoing costs for this commercial business. Examples include a survey fee like what is used in Maine. He suggested that it is unreasonable for the Enterprise fund to bear the cost. The Committee will investigate other avenues of funding for the navigational markers for the boundaries of the grants and enforcement costs. The Committee noted that Massachusetts State law dictates how we can charge fees, but we will look into Maine fees.

Regarding the application review completed in 60 days. Brian suggested it be changed to 90 days if Waterways needs to review. The committee discussed streamlining the review process. Susan mentioned that 60 days might be MGL and would check. MGL does in fact mandate 60 days so this should be considered, and the review process will need to be streamlined.

The Committee discussed investment and production requirements and modified both to \$10,000 per acre. Brian raised that his comment was related to production and not investment. The Committee decided to leave both requirements at \$10,000 for now and suggested that public may comment on the requirements and we can revisit the requirements. The committee will also check on the definition of “gear” to make sure it is not too restrictive.

Brian also inquired about Town Counsel looking at the regulations. The Committee agrees and their understanding is that the Town Counsel reviews the regulations at the request of the BOS when the BOS reviews.

**Discuss Level of Effort for Application and Fee Options for Implementation of Commercial Aquaculture.** Susan said that this is an ongoing discussion with the town IT Manager. We are trying to allow for electronic submission of applications as well as posting approved grants on the Shellfish Advisory Committee website. Susan is working on implementing an application process with minimal administrative burden prior to the initiation of the application process.

**Update and Discussion on Funding for Implementation of Commercial Aquaculture.** Brian stated that it was not appropriate for Waterways to pay for any of the implementation of commercial aquaculture. Craig agreed to withdraw the funding request from the next Waterways agenda.

There being no more business to discuss, Susan Harrison called for a motion to adjourn at 8:15PM. Seconded by Jamie Davenport. Approve (3:0)