



MEETING MINUTES
Shellfish Advisory Committee
Tuesday September 3, 2019 6:30pm-9:00pm
North Scituate WPA Building

Committee Members in Attendance: Jamie Davenport, Susan Harrison, Mike DiMeo, Jeff Palmer, and Craig Rosenquist.

Committee Members not in Attendance: None

Committee Liaisons in Attendance: Maura Glancy

Also, in Attendance: Dave Dauphinee, David Sincoski, Howie Kreutzberg, Mike Cotter, and Brian Kelly

This meeting was called to order by Jeff Palmer at 6:35PM.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Jeff Palmer made a motion to approve as amended, Jamie Davenport second. All in favor (5-0) Approved.

Open Discussion regarding any updates on Regulations, Survey, Funding, Title Search, Roles and Responsibilities.

Susan welcomed Maura Glancy, the Recreation Director who is the Recreation Board liaison to the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Maura introduced herself. She is from Dennis, MA but has lived in Scituate for 35 years. She said that she is very interested in recreational shellfishing/clamming and is interested in working with the committee to increase recreation programs like the popular recreational clamming trip to the Spit.

Title Search: Jamie Davenport reported that there are no issues with the Title search, and we are waiting for a write up from the Town Administrator.

Regulation Comments: The committee discussed 6.1a.(investment) and 6.1c. (production) requirements. The committee thought that they might be too high. It was decided to listen to the public comments and then regroup and determine if the requirement should be lowered or kept at \$10,000. The definition of “Gear” was also discussed since the reporting requirements and how “gear” is defined would determine how much of the farmer’s costs could be claimed for “investment.”

The committee also discussed how to fund the program. All fees need to be tied to a service and rent is not an option for a fee. The BOS has asked for funding options and the committee will continue to research and discuss possible options.

The committee discussed engaging with the Conservation Commission to discuss the project and discuss a possible streamlined process.

Brian thought that the BOS may ask about bonding. The committee included an insurance requirement but did not include bonding. Most towns do not require a bond. Some require insurance and a few require a bond. The committee is recommending insurance with the Town of Scituate named.

Jamie updated the committee that he is meeting with the Town Administrator on Thursday. Jamie made a motion to ask the Town Administrator to invite Chris Schillaci to the BOS meeting. Jeff second. (5-0) all approve inviting Chris.

Dave Dauphinee suggested a question on the grant application should ask about benefit to recreation from commercial fishing. There was discussion from the audience about the benefits of including it in a business plan. After the regulations are approved by the BOS the committee will discuss and recommend an application.

Presentation to Waterways/ Shellfish Public Meeting. The committee discussed the presentation and updated some information and dates on the slides.

There being no more business to discuss, Mike DiMeo called for a motion to adjourn at 8:38PM. Seconded by Jamie Davenport. Approve (5:0)