



MEETING MINUTES

Scituate Shellfish Advisory Committee

Thursday April 28, 2020 6:00pm

Audio Conference

Committee Members in Attendance: Susan Harrison, Mike DiMeo, Jeff Palmer, Scott Connolly
Paula Lind, David Friedman

Committee Member not in Attendance: Adam Bisol

Susan explained the procedures of the audio conference and how to participate. A caller asked for a roll call attendance and Susan Harrison took attendance.

Also in Attendance: Mike Cotter, Craig Rosenquist, Bob Wigmore, Brian Host, Debbie Shad, Peter Marathas, Martin Gaynor, Jamie Davenport, John Tedeschi, Charles Ames, Kittie Ames, Alan Powell, David Sincoski, Brian Kelly, Mark DiGiacommo

Procedural Roll call vote was completed, and the meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm (6:00) approved

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Update on Committees efforts applying for education and research grants

Susan Harrison discussed the Scituate Education Foundation (SEF) in reference to grants for High School and Middle School students. The students are excited to become involved in this proposed research on Bassings Beach.

Susan met with members of the Cohasset Center for Coastal Research (CSCR) to discuss the application for grants as well. They also hope to do a lot of work with Aquaculture and have applied for grant funding. There were no questions or comments from the board or participants.

Discussion of correspondence on Buoys and Plots

The SAC received a letter from Minot resident Beth McGrath. The letter references Boundary Markers and Buoys and more specifically how they will impact recreational users in the area. Photographs in the letter referenced were not accurate comparisons on how the actual poles and racks will be set up. Ms. McGrath had definition and clarity questions based on the regulations. She would also like to discuss the positioning of the acre plots. Beth McGrath was not in attendance for the audio meeting. No other questions on this subject. This will be discussed again at a future meeting when Ms. McGrath is in attendance.

Correspondence from the Glades Club

The SAC received a letter from Charlie and Kittie Ames, Co-Treasurers of the Glades Club. They have stated that this entity owns 85 acres bounded to the West by Cohasset Harbor, to the North and East by the Atlantic Ocean and to the South by an irregular line running from the southern end of a Short Beach to the East to the southern end of Back Beach to the West. They claim that the proposed location of the farm appears to have 3 plots (5, 6 and 8) partly or fully on this privately owned land.

Bob Wigmore commented on whether correspondence going forward would continually change the project.

Susan Harrison's response: The Shellfish Advisory Committee would like this program to be fair and we do our best to respond to correspondence. The Shellfish Advisory Committee is an advisory committee for the BOS. Per the regulations, the BOS will hold a public hearing and ultimately decide on the acre locations and number of applicants.

The Glades Club invited the SAC for a site visit to walk the beach. The board will reconvene on this subject and do a site visit to address both buoys and walk the beach with the Glades Club.

Susan Harrison made a motion to post a map of the two options considered at previous meetings that would address the buoy configuration and might help with site discussions.

Motion seconded by Paula Lind (6-0) Approved

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Next meeting – The subject of the Buoys and Markers suggested a walking tour of the area. Susan made a motion scheduling the next meeting for May 7, 2020 6:00 pm subject to availability and conference line availability. Paula Lind seconded (6-0) Approved

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Susan Harrison declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on obtaining qualified applicants to consider applications by a preliminary screening committee for Commercial Shellfish Grant Applications. The Committee will reconvene in open session.

Jeff Palmer made a motion

I move that the Shellfish Advisory Committee go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 (8) to consider applications by a preliminary screening committee for Commercial Shellfish Grant Applications. The Committee will reconvene in open session.

Paula Lind seconded.

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Respectfully Submitted

Paula Lind, Recording Secretary