



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Shellfish Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday May 15, 2019 6:30pm-9:00pm**  
**North Scituate WPA Building**  
**19 Henry Turner Bailey Road**

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

**Committee Liaisons in Attendance:** Shawn Harris and RJ Dwyer

**Committee Members not in Attendance:** Mike Dimeo

**Also, in Attendance:** Dave Dauphinee, David Sincoski, Bob Wigmore, John Tedeschi, and Andrew Slater.

This meeting was called to order by Susan Harrison at 6:33PM.

**Approval of the April 30, 2019 meeting minutes.** Jamie Davenport made a motion to approve, Craig Rosenquist second. All in favor (4-0) Approved.

**Update on Site Survey.** Jamie Davenport and Susan Harrison gave a brief update on the aerial drone survey of the Briggs Harbor Site done by Greg Morse and Steve Moran on Tuesday May 7, 2019 and Saturday May 11, 2019. The drone flew over the property and took pictures at low tide. The site was so large that three flights were necessary to complete the map. The flights were scheduled on days that were clear and not windy. One flight occurred on May 7<sup>th</sup> and two additional flights occurred on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Greg Morse added property lines of the map of pictures. The preliminary results show a minimum of twenty-five (25) acres of available land. However, in order to determine the maximum number of acres a title search is necessary.

**Update on the Massachusetts Shellfish Taskforce.** Jamie Davenport and John Tedeschi attended the Massachusetts Shellfish Taskforce Meeting. The group had not met for a year and a half but were interested in meeting more regularly in the future. The Taskforce is conducting an aquaculture survey. Individual surveys were sent to all Town Shellfish Constables. Scituate had not responded to the survey. We will follow up with Mike Dimeo to make sure that he received

the survey. The goal of the survey is to gather information so that processes can be more consistent and streamlined.

**Update on Title Search.** The title examiner will update the Shellfish Advisory Committee this week with proposal and cost of a detailed title search. We should have a more detailed update at the next meeting.

**Review Proposed Grant Application Process.** Craig Rosenquist researched applications in neighboring towns and presented a draft application for Scituate. He explained that most applications are not extensive. He noted that we should ask questions to determine if applicants understand the remote nature of the site. In addition, he explained that because the Shellfish Advisory Committee is concerned regarding success of the project, we want to draft application questions that would help the committee determine commitment and potential success. The group suggested additional questions including experience, education, letters of recommendation, and methods of farming. Susan Harrison agreed to edit the application and incorporate the additional questions discussed.

**Economic Development Commission (EDC) Liaison Update.** RJ Dwyer attended, and the committee updated him on the need for funding to pay for the aerial survey and title search. The committee would like to request \$5000 from the EDC. RJ Dwyer explained the process for requesting funding. Someone from the Shellfish Advisory Committee will attend the next EDC meeting to present the project and request for funding.

**Continue group discussion on the Town Rules and Regulations Governing Commercial Aquaculture.** As Mike Dimeo suggested, the Committee reviewed the Falmouth Aquaculture Regulations. However, the regulations appeared to conflict with some of the decision points already made including; the application process and productivity reports. The Committee will follow up with Mike at the next meeting.

In addition, the Committee reviewed outstanding decisions including inheritability and transferability. Jamie Davenport made a motion to allow transferability. Susan Harrison seconded. All members present voted to approve. (4-0). The committee agreed to send the draft regulations to Chris Schillaci at DMF for his feedback and discussion at the next meeting

**Schedule Next Meeting: May 29, 2019 at 6:30pm Location TBD.** Proposed Agenda includes updates on action items and group discussion on regulations with DMF.

There being no more business to discuss, Jeff Palmer called for a motion to adjourn at 8:45PM. Seconded by Susan Harrison.

Unanimous Vote (4:0)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Harrison