



MEETING MINUTES
Shellfish Advisory Committee
Tuesday July 9, 2019 6:30pm-9:00pm
North Scituate WPA Building
19 Henry Turner Bailey Road

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

Committee Members not in Attendance: None

Committee Liaisons in Attendance: None

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

This meeting was called to order by Jamie Davenport at 6:35PM.

Approval of the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Jeff Palmer made a motion to approve, Mike Dimeo second. All in favor (5-0) Approved.

Update on Site Survey and Funding. Jamie Davenport gave a brief update on the title search. There seems to be some confusion on who is doing the title search. The Town Administrator has hired someone to do a search and will update the committee when he receives the results.

Update and Discussion on Community Preservation Commission (CPC) Application Funding. Susan Harrison, Craig Rosenquist, Jeff Palmer and Jamie Davenport went to the CPC meeting and presented on the committee's request for funding signage and helical anchors for the corners of the proposed aquaculture site. While the CPC was positive regarding the overall project, they thought that they could not fund it because the project is heavily commercial. The CPC suggested that the funding should come out of the Waterways Commission. Craig will have the funding request added to a future Waterways Agenda.

Continue group discussion on the Application and Town Rules and Regulations governing commercial aquaculture -Discuss and prepare for Waterways meeting presentation. Craig Rosenquist walked through highlights of a proposed presentation to the Waterways Commission including: a brief background on commercial aquaculture, the Shellfish Advisory Committee

charge, and maps and proposed sites. In addition, he highlighted the proposed regulation requirements for applying for a grant, selecting grantees and maintaining a grant. We will also discuss critical decision points like transferability and productivity standards.

The Shellfish Advisory Committee is recommending a phased in approach and proposing awarding 5 grants the first year. We propose reviewing expansion at year 2. We propose initially awarding grants in January 2020. With that in mind, we are targeting presenting to Waterways in July and August and the Board of Selectmen in September and accepting applications in October. The Committee discussed engaging the Conservation Commission so that the project can be looked at as a group request. This would likely create efficiencies in the application process.

The Committee also discussed adding language in the regulations and application about Non-Commercial education and research project proposals. Many of the requirements would be waived so the Committee proposed adding a section on requirements. Susan said she would look at possible language in other town regulations. Many towns set aside an acre or two for education and research. The Committee is in favor of this approach and would allow this during the pilot phase.

Walk on. None

Next Meeting July 17, 2019. 6:30pm WPA Building. Proposed Agenda: Walk through Waterways Presentation and general Updates.

There being no more business to discuss, Susan Harrison called for a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM. Seconded by Jamie Davenport.

Unanimous Vote (5:0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrison