



REVISED MEETING MINUTES
Scituate Shellfish Advisory Committee
Thursday April 23, 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-Treasures 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

Executive Session

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

Committee Member not in Attendance: Adam Bisol

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.

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.

Paula Lind seconded.

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Procedural Roll call vote was completed, and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm (6:0) approved

Roll Call:

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Susan discussed with the committee the process of preliminary review. Nine (9) Applications were submitted.

Note that prior to the Committee Members receiving the applications, the town validated that all Scituate resident applicants satisfied tax obligations and all applicants paid the required application fee. One applicant is a Cohasset resident. Additionally, all applicants are over 18 years old based on copies of Drivers licenses submitted to the town.

Members of the committee were given copies of all applications to review prior to the meeting. Note that documents are as follows:

1. Minot Light Shellfish Company Briggs Harbor Scituate, Massachusetts Business Plan (Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski)

2. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application Form for Briggs Harbor/ Bassing Beach (Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski)
3. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application (Kara Tondorf)
4. The Scituate Oyster Company Inc. Town of Scituate Commercial Grant Application (John Tedeschi and Robert Wigmore)
5. Application 2020. Commercial Shellfish Grant for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program (Andrew E. Slater)
6. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program (Michael Cotter)
7. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program (Lawrence Trowbridge)
8. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program (Samuel Brigham & Benjamin Bornstein)
9. Town of Scituate Commercial Grant Application for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program Business Plan (Samuel Brigham & Benjamin Bornstein)
10. Scituate Oyster Company Shellfish Aquaculture License Application (Jamie Davenport and Greg Wallingford)
11. Town of Scituate Commercial Shellfish Grant Application for Briggs Harbor/ Bassings Beach Pilot Program Mullaney's Harborside (Joseph P. Norton II)
12. Scituate Commercial Aquaculture Application Review Criteria

Members reviewed all nine applications and noted that the applications are considered complete. They contain a Business Plan including: Site Plan, Market Analysis, Description of Gear and Approach, Risk Analysis and Funding.

Based on preliminary review, the committee members preliminarily ordered applicants from 1-9.

Each SAC member stated their preliminary ranking of each application.

Mr. Palmer:

- 35 The Scituate Oyster Company: John Tedeschi and Bob Wigmore
- 34 Scituate Oyster Company: Jamie Davenport
- 32 Minot Shellfish Company: Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski
- 31 Minot Light Oyster Farm: Mike Cotter
- 30 Harborview Oysters: Samuel Brigham and Benjamin Bornstein
- 28 Lawrence Trowbridge
- 27 Kara Tondorf

24 Mullaney's: Joseph Norton
23 Andrew W.E. Slater

Mr. DiMeo:

31 The Scituate Oyster Company: John Tedeschi and Bob Wigmore
34 Scituate Oyster Company: Jamie Davenport
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29 Lawrence Trowbridge
25 Kara Tondorf
32 Mullaney's: Joseph Norton
26 Andrew W.E. Slater

Mr. Friedman:

28 The Scituate Oyster Company: John Tedeschi and Bob Wigmore
35 Scituate Oyster Company: Jamie Davenport
30 Minot Shellfish Company: Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski
28 Minot Light Oyster Farm: Mike Cotter
21 Harborview Oysters: Samuel Brigham and Benjamin Bornstein
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Ms. Lind:

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Mr. Connelly:

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Ms. Harrison:

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The preliminary ranking was then averaged:

APPLICANTS:

34.33 Scituate Oyster Company: Jamie Davenport
31.00 Minot Shellfish Company: Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski
30.67 Minot Light Oyster Farm: Mike Cotter
30.17 The Scituate Oyster Company: John Tedeschi and Bob Wigmore
27.83 Harborview Oysters: Samuel Brigham and Benjamin Bornstein
27.67 Mullaney's: Joseph Norton
26.67 Lawrence Trowbridge
24.67 Kara Tondorf
21.5 Andrew W.E. Slater

The preliminary ranking (1-9) is as follows:

APPLICANTS:

1. Scituate Oyster Company: Jamie Davenport
2. Minot Shellfish Company: Craig Rosenquist and David Sincoski
3. Minot Light Oyster Farm: Mike Cotter
4. The Scituate Oyster Company: John Tedeschi and Bob Wigmore
5. Harborview Oysters: Samuel Brigham and Benjamin Bornstein
6. Mullaney's: Joseph Norton
7. Lawrence Trowbridge
8. Kara Tondorf
9. Andrew W.E. Slater

Susan Harrison made a motion to submit the preliminary ranked (1-9) Commercial Aquaculture Applications to the Board of Selectmen for review. Seconded by David Friedman. 6:0 approved.

Roll Call

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes
Palmer yes
Connolly yes
Lind yes
Friedman yes

Next the BOS will interview applicants and then hold a public hearing on the pilot program. Ultimately the BOS determines who is selected for an aquaculture grant. The SAC is merely an advisory committee and as such we are submitting our combined advice.

8:55 Susan Harrison made a motion to adjourn executive session and Paula Lind seconded. 6:0

Approved.

Roll Call

Harrison yes

DiMeo yes

Palmer yes

Connolly yes

Lind yes

Friedman yes

Respectfully Submitted