

Shellfish Committee

Minutes of May 18, 2017

Call to Order: Chairman Don Smith called meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Don Smith, Jen Skala, Michael Veronne Also present: Lesley Cosmano, Board Rep

Absent: Tom Fraser, Peter Robbins

Minutes of April 27, 2017 were read and approved 3-0

Appointment of Secretary: It was decided Peter Robbins would serve as Secretary

Old Business:

Jen Skala presented her Sign-Up flyer which will be passed out on June 1<sup>st</sup> to those wanting to purchase a clam license. Help with the re-seeding project will be encouraged.

Jen also reported that the DMR lists water quality on its website under subtitle Agua Cultures.

New Business:

It was decided the Committee will dig up and replant seeds rather than purchase them. Jen Skala brought up a map on her computer and it was decided to re-seed the area from point A on the right side of the small bridge on Cape Jellison Road, to point B. (see attached sketch) The Committee will use 12 inch plastic flower pots for 'seed growing' – the pots will be placed down in the mud flats and covered with mesh netting. Signs stating the area is "Closed for Conservation Purpose" will be posted, and our Shellfish Warden, Darrin Moody, will be asked to patrol the area as frequently as possible. The designated area will be 'off limits' to clammers. Mike Veronne will be in charge of making the signs and purchasing the flower pots. Jen will secure netting. Receipts will be turned over to the Town for reimbursement.

The need for two changes in the current "Shellfish Conservation Ordinance" were brought forward by Lesley Cosmano:

A. Page 2, Section 3. Wording "staggered terms of a maximum of three years" needed to be changed to "staggered terms of 3 years (3 year terms)." Motion to make the change was made (Mike Veronne), seconded (Jen Skala), and passed 3-0.

B. Page 5, Section D 4. Wording in second line, "allocated from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>," needed to be changed to "allocated from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>." Motion to make the change was made (Mike Veronne), seconded (Jen Skala), and passed 3-0

Set next meeting date: June 15, 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. (Jen Skala), seconded (Mike Veronne), passed 3-0