

Dec 13, 2016

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:00 Members present: Dave Flattery, Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (ViceChair) , Nancy Ann Meads and Lorie Santos (Chair).

Also Present: Steve Wisbauer (Shellfish Constable), Frank Horner, Jean Horner, Jamie Staniscia and Theo Cormay (General public).

Public Comments: T. Cormay had discussion about cultch on grants; although not using himself, he felt we should not ban. Commented about oriental crab problem.

Previous Minutes:

- March 8 minutes were reconstructed by L. Santos, as original recorded by M. Cote could not be found on his computer. New minutes were reviewed by March attendees R. Macara, N. Meads and L. Santos. Motion to accept by N. Meads, Second by R. Macara. Vote 3-0 approve.
- Nov 1 minutes were reviewed by Nov 1 attendees D. Flattery, B. Hazard and R. Macara. Motion to accept by D. Flattery, Second by B. Hazard. Vote 3-0 approve.
- Nov 29 minutes were reviewed by Nov 29 attendees D. Flattery, B. Hazard and R. Macara. Motion to accept by D. Flattery, Second by B. Hazard. Vote 3-0 approve

Old Business:

Constable S. Wishbauer Update:

Copy of Shellfish department December 13, 2016 update:

West End opened on Nov. 6th and an outer boundary marker was placed to define area. As of this writing 430 10qt. baskets have been harvested but it requiring additional effort at this point to get quota.

East End digging area will officially open this Sunday December 18. Due to the fact that the resource is only accessible on a significant low tide or using waders and basket rake, a few of the more motivated recreational diggers will meet me at sunrise on Friday December 16 to prospect the area when exposed. (6:39 AM low tide of -0.8ft, wind NW 43mph and 10deg Fahrenheit (-15with wind chill)).

Recreational Regulations, Aquaculture grant renewal and revisions: All were approved without revision at the rescheduled November 14, 2016 BOS Meeting.

I have taken the required courses from PTV and now have access to equipment and resources to produce media we may want in the future. As part of the training I have made a short video about recreational shellfishing in Provincetown. PTV would like to air the video.

Review of Meeting with BOS and Pier Corporation of November 29, 2016

Today's agenda includes minutes from the November 29, 2016 meeting for review. The Provincetown Board of Selectmen had requested a Shellfish Committee report regarding ways for our municipality to bolster the local commercial shellfish industry. A plan for a community based shellfish nursery program was presented and a \$20,000 CIP was approved to be brought forward at Town Meeting. Funding for the project was to be sought prior to Town Meeting and the Harbor Access Gift Fund was to be a starting point. The plan was brought before Harbor Committee and up to \$12,000 was approved for the reconditioning of Bennett Memorial Pier.

We are asked to continue seeking funding from other sources for the \$8,000 to outfit the pier with nursery boxes as described in the presentation.

Reclassification of Designated Shellfish Growing Area CCB4.1:

Greg Sawyer at DMF has received additional information regarding remediation projects and has responded.

From: "Sawyer, Gregory (FWE)" <Gregory.Sawyer@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Date: December 8, 2016 at 7:00:53 AM EST

To: 'Stephen Wisbauer' <swisbauer@provincetown---ma.gov>

Cc: "Kleister, Kelly(FWE)" <kelly.kk.kleister@state.ma.us>

Subject: RE: Provincetown CCB4.1 reclassification

Hi Steve,

Kelly and myself did receive your information relative to Provincetown Harbor. Kelly and I have spoken on numerous occasions about a plan of action. Kelly has already started the initial process of mapping the potential/actual pollution sources in the prohibited area. The next step is to evaluate all of the pipes to determine if there is a dry weather flow and sample those. Then sample the pipes during wet weather or note if the pipes are not flowing. After we receive results and information, Kelly and I will have a discussion to determine what our next step will be. This Process should take between 1 And 2 years to complete. Kelly, myself and you can discuss this further at MSOA on the 15th.

Review new grant applications

3 potential new or expanded grants have been discussed with me. After tonight's meeting I will be working with applicants on refining applications. All have been instructed to attend the January meeting as the committee will review and make recommendations at that time.

Status of current grant holders up for renewal

As of November, 2016: The next group of licenses up for renewal expire April 13, 2017. These total 6 acres held by 3 people. I expect that 2 of these grant holders will not meet the requirements for renewal.

As of November, 2016:

ADA 14 granted acres -> 8-10 Active / 4-6 Inactive

Flats 14 granted acres -> 2-3 Active / 11 New

Total 28 10-13 Active 15-17 New or Inactive

New Business:

- **Vote for officers:** As no new office candidates were offered. A Motion by D. Flattery and Second by N. Meades to reelect existing officers was made. Vote 5-0 approve.
- **Review New grant applications:** Frank and Jean Horner were applicants for tidal grant. April 11.
- **Status of current grant holder up for renewal:** Alex Brown will renew Jan 3 2017.

Other New Business:

- Opening of West End Breakwater was discussed; L. Santos and N. Meads to form outline for letter of concern to BOS .This will include member inputs to be reviewed at next meeting.

Meeting Dates: Set for Jan. 3th, Feb. 7th and March 7th

Motion to Adjourn: by D. Flattery, Second by R. Macara to adjourn at 6:30. Vote 5-0 approve
B. Hazard, Secretary