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Agenda Shellfish Committee
Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
5 Holway Avenue
Provincetown, MA 02657

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5 PM. In attendance Rick Macara, Alex Brown, Lory Santos, and Shellfish Constable, Stephen Wisbauer. Shortly after David Flattery arrived followed by Nancianne Meads.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Approve minutes of November 7, 2017, March 29, 2017, and May 4, 2017

Minutes of November 7 were approved. March 29 and May 4 can still not be approved. Chair, Lory Santos is going to check on using a consent agenda in the future.

Alex Brown motioned and David Flattery seconded that we move the reorganization of the committee from New Business to vote on the committee organization. All approved.

David Flattery moved and Alex Brown seconded the nomination of Lory Santos as chair. All approved.

Alex Brown moved and David Flattery seconded Rick Macara as vice-chair. All approved

Lory Santos moved and David Flattery seconded Bob Hazard as secretary. All approved.

Old Business

Shellfish Constable Report—

- Stephen discussed the hurdles/costs of submitting permitting to the Army Corp. It is very expensive if we do it in small amounts. Stephen recommended we apply for 100 acres for the fee of \$4000.00. There was concern from board members that we could potentially have too many grants and too much of our tidal area given over to shellfish grants. Stephen assured the committee that they still controlled how many acres would be distributed.
- In collaboration with Truro the lights in the ADA were replaced. Stephen is looking into more lights and getting the location on GPS plotters
- Stephen reported on the bonus day we have had and said the area is loaded with clams but folks need to be educated about it and that proper gear needs to be worn.
- Stephen reported on the number of buckets of shellfish that have been taken to date

- There seems to be an increased number of people that are participating in recreational shellfish
- Oyster numbers have increased, there are recreational folks coming for oysters only.

Five grant application have been submitted to date. There are five applications four new and one transfer.

It was decided to take the documents provided about the Harbor Plan by Stephen home to read and we would have a discussion and vote in January. The Harbor Plan will be going to the selectmen in February.

Water testing is continuing...Johnson Street oysters may soon be able to be relayed from current location to our other shellfish areas for the harvesting by our recreational permit holder.

Any other old business

New Business

Alex brought forth a photograph of signage found at shellfish beds in Florida. The sign was extremely informative. We need better signage. The signs were made possible by a grant from SeaGrant.

Warrant for spring special town meeting. ~~More discussion on this in January.~~ *STM Article 8, Aquaculture support services Shellfish Committee voted to recommend 5-0-0*

Lory brought up a situation in the ADA. A Truro resident is using a Provincetown grant to propagate shellfish. She does not like it. Stephen said what was happening is legal. The grant holder claims the Truro resident is an employee. Grant holder has propagation permit and can acquire seed.

Meeting dates and locations January 3, February 6, and March 13. All meetings will be held at the Center for Coastal Studies. Lory needs a call in number for the February 6, 2018 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM

Submitted by Lory Santos, Chair