

Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies  
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## **Minutes Shellfish Committee Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Unable to approve the minutes of November 6, 2018

In attendance Rick Macara, Nancy Ann Meads, Lory Santos, Stephen Wisbauer  
Also present Dave Straznitskas, and Ryan PremDas

No Public Comments

Old Business

Signage Town Landing—in the hands of Harbor Committee. They have a timeline in place to get the signage in place and Brian LeGere is spearheading for them

Shellfish Constable Report—Attached

John Baldwin Memorial Nursery-Approved by the Selectmen

Changing the application dates for shellfish grants-This was not discussed as we will review the Shellfish Rules and Regulations at the January meeting and send to the Selectmen for approval.

Unleashed dogs on flats – addressed and Lory will email the chair of Animal Welfare with a follow-up email

### **New Business**

Committee reorganization—This was not done as there were only three members present and we need to ask Bob Hazard and Rick Macara if they would like to remain Secretary and Vice-Chair. Put on January agenda.

Policy for recommending aquaculture grants. (Applicants with nonresident partners)This evoked a lot of discussion. It was decided to table this issue until it becomes one.

Review of Commercial Shellfish Applications

The committee reviewed the application from George Hitchcock, Ryan PremDas, and Dan DeGruttola. Rick Macara motioned and Nancyanne seconded to award all three applicants one acre in the East End tidal flats. Vote 3-0-0

The committee will review any applications that are received by the deadline of Friday, December 15, 2018.

Next Meeting January 8, 2019

Rick Macara motioned and Nancyanne seconded to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Vote 3-0-0

Adjourn

### **Shellfish Constable Report December 11, 2018 update:**

#### **2018-19 Recreational Shellfishing Season:**

- With each tide cycle it appears scallops at the West End are more abundant and increasing in size.
- The inner oyster bed and clam areas have been picked over pretty thoroughly. People who choose to take a longer walk have found an abundance of clams and oysters can still be found at the farther bed
- Ample parking is now available for access to the flats as The Provincetown Inn officially welcomes the use of its parking lot during Shellfish season. • Due to the breach by Woods End, tides in the shellfishing areas are being dramatically affected by wind. A northerly wind helps push water out and we enjoy better access to the area while on days with strong southerly wind we have seen the area remain under water.

#### **Aquaculture applications:**

- George Hitchcock
- Ryan PremDas
- Daniel DeGruttola
- David Flattery

#### **Camoin Associates:**

- The economic development consultant working with the Town asks what is needed to increase profitability for shellfish growers.