

**Dec 2 2014**

**Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Called to Order:** 5:00: Members present:, Mel Cote, David Flattery, Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (Vice Chair), and Lory Santos (Chair).

**Also Present:** Provincetown Shellfish Constable Tony Jackett, John Baldwin (Public), Steven Wishbauer (Truro shellfish committee) and Harbor Master Rex McKinsey (who previously requested to speak and is on this agenda).

**Public Comments:** None.

**Previous Minutes** Motion by M. Cote, Second by D. Flattery to accept Nov 4 Minutes. Vote 3-0 approve.

**Old Business:**

- **Shellfish Bonds:** D. Flattery talked with Director of Municipal Finance Dan Hoort, concerning ADA \$250 bonding by cash in escrow as an alternate to higher cost for long term insurance coverage. D. Hoort will review process and required account and get back to D. Flattery when it is in place.
- **Recreational shellfish season:** T. Jackett reported that with warm sunny weather last Sunday, he had a count of 92 calmers possibly missing an additional 10%.
- **Shellfish Warden position:** Discussion tabled
- **Other Old Business:** L. Santos will draft a letter to selectmen asking that the two shellfish grants owned by a tax delinquent homeowner revert to town use. Each site is approx. 1.4 Acre and covered by water in most cases; making it ideal for oyster propagation

**New Business:**

- **BOS meeting on 12/8:** L. Santos to submit discussion points on Shellfish Warden position.
- **Harbor Master Presentation:** R. McKinsey gave possible advantages of Shellfish Warden position coming under his division as; use of harbor master resources (boats, equipment and personnel) and economic development potential( proposal for enclosed environmentally controlled upweller on the pier). Combining the Harbor Master and Shellfish Warden to form a Marine Department. Committee reaction was mixed with no vote taken; however all committee members liked the current autonomy of the Shellfish Warden. Members spoke against the Warden being under the Pier Corp.

- **Review shellfish grant applications:** Tabled as new ADA grant participation is not allowed as DMF conditionally allowed the ADA as a pilot program on a trial basis with no additional participants.
- **Other new business:** none

Next meeting Tuesday Jan 6

**Motion to Adjourn:** by B. Hazard, Second by M. Cote Vote 5-0 to adjourn at 6:00

B. Hazard, Secretary