

**April 14, 2015**

**Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

**Also Present:** Provincetown Shellfish Constable Steven Wishbauer, John Baldwin and Tony Jackett

**Public Comments:** Lory Santos temporary relinquished her position as chairwoman to speak as holder of grant #5 on flats and #3 & #4 w/ ADA. She stated that herself and others are not interested in a Shellfish Co-Op.

**Previous Minutes:**

**Jan 6 minutes:** Motion by B. Hazard, Second by M. Cote to accept Jan 6 Minutes. Vote 5-0 approve.

**March 3 minutes:** Motion by M. Cote, Second by R. Macara to accept March 3 Minutes. Vote 4-0 approve.

**Old Business:**

- **Shellfish Bonds:** D. Flattery requested by E-mail to L. Santos that we Table this issue until he returns
- **Oyster beds off Johnson St:** Motion by M. Cote, Second by L. Santos to partition the state for conditional shellfish use of this area. Vote 5-0 approve.
- **Clam Recycling:** S. Wishbauer suggested we establish a test bed shells (piled high) to encourage oyster spat collection. Motion by M. Cote, second by B. Hazard to build an oystershell reef west of the break wall. Vote 5-0 approve
- **New type of license for next year:** Constable stated he will provide neck lanyards to hold and display numbered shellfish licenses. The cards may be laminated.

**New Business:**

- **Grants in ADA status:** Constable reports all 25 A. are filled with four new grants last week. Presently there are only four active growers as we got off to a stalled start due to DMF regulations for floating gear. The annual renewal date for Propagation Permit, paying Bond and Town Fee is July 1.

- **Upweller on McMillan:** Steve is rebuilding the existing floating upweller (needs new pump). It's shared use between P-Town and Truro is intended to grow purchased clam seed for future relay to recreational shellfish areas.
- **Expansion of ADA:** Discussed expansion of an additional 25 A ,adjacent to existing ADA but in shallower water to avoid entanglement problems and allow flotation units. Motion by B. Hazard, second by M. Cote to have R. Macara and J. Baldwin explore area (preliminary survey) for suitable ADA expansion in shallower water. Vote 5-0 approve
- **Building on McMillan to support shellfish Co-Op :** Constable stated this concept is endorsed by the Pier Corp. and may be eligible for local Economic Development grants. The building would be designed to appropriate regulations for the storage and sale of local growers' shellfish. This could provide product branding. This is similar concept as the Fish Co-Op that was on the pier years ago. Motion by R. Macara, second by R. Hazard to further investigate information and study possibility for a Shellfish Co-Op building . Vote 5-0 approve
- **Other new business:** Constable reported Dave Dutra has offered a barge which may need deck work but has two good metal pontoons which are floodable. This could be a useful work platform at ADA site for grant holders to process stock. Motion by M. Cote, second by B. Hazard to get his asking price. Vote 5-0 approve

Next meeting Tuesday May 5

**Motion to Adjourn:** by B. Hazard, Second by N. Meads to adjourn at 6:45. Vote 5-0

B. Hazard, Secretary