

Minutes for Oct. 10, 2017

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 4:02 Members present: Alex Brown, Bob Hazard, Rick Macara, Nancy Ann Meads and Lorie Santos .

Also Present: Steve Wisbauer (shellfish Constable), Dave Strazitskas (observer) and Theo Sweui (Center for Coastal Study)

Public Comments: None

Approve Minutes of Sept 12:

Motion by A. Brown, second by N. Meads to accept with name spelling changes. Vote 5-0 to approve.

Approve Minutes of May 4: Did not have three May 4 attendees to vote on this.

Old Business:

Shellfish Constable Report:

- Shellfish and water testing has been completed on CCB5.0 West of the Breakwater and we are set to open
- 2017-18 permits with November start date included-color salmon
- Town administration requested an Aquaculture Development Plan
- BOS agenda requests and public hearings-shellfish areas public notice to be published aft
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Department update

Re: Provincetown Aquaculture Development Plan

Goal: For Provincetown to have an appropriately sized and efficient aquaculture industry that provides year-round jobs and locally sourced seafood without negatively impacting other uses of space.

History: During the 1990's Provincetown had an active intertidal quahog aquaculture industry in the west end flats. The Town designated this area for the farming of shellfish. Blight, in the form of QPX (quahog parasite unknown), devastated the industry on the outer cape. While other Towns had a history of oyster farming to fall back on, this was Provincetown's first attempt at aquaculture. With no other species in place to hedge financial losses, the interest to rebuild was limited.

In 2009 interest in oyster aquaculture resumed and both Provincetown and Truro looked to simplify the complex permitting process. Shellfish Committees from both Towns worked together and formed an area for deep-water aquaculture (ADA). Deep-water was chosen for the