

Shellfish Committee

Minutes from May 2, 1999

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Meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m. on May 2, 1999 at Harbormaster's office, McMillan Pier. Exofficiaos Dave Dittachio, Kim Luther, Jack Joyce and Tony Jackett were present. Members Dan Notaro, Michael Anderson and Sarah Robin were present. Frank Foley was not present but he did inform the board that he would not be able to attend. Member Bob White was not present and did not inform the board that he would not be able to attend.

Correspondence

None

Revolving Account

Presently, there is approximately \$2,500.00 in the revolving account.

Old Business

Stephan Nofield, town clerk, and Tony agreed that the numbers assigned to grants would stay the same when and if grant was transferred or given to another grantee.

Regarding 1998 grant fees. All grantees are in good standing.

Regarding extending public clamming season, committee decided season should stay the same.

There was a general discussion about reconsidering the issue of residents and non-residents being allowed to obtain grants. It was decided that we would look at this issue in the fall.

Next item was a discussion of the upweller grant and how it would be handled. On Tony's urging, Provincetown and Truro applied for and received a total of \$20,000.00 to purchase upwellers and seed for eventual growout in Provincetown and Truro.

New Business

A motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Michael to have Truro's upweller along with Provincetown's upweller be installed as soon as possible on the east side of the wharf, next to the Harbormasters office. In return for allowing Truro to use Provincetown's wharf space, Provincetown would be able to put piss clam spat collectors at Pamet. **Motion carried** unanimously. For this project quahog seed will be obtained from Barnstable County.

At September meeting, committee will decide on a set of best management practices for activities on the flats and recommend these to the selectmen for insertion into regulations.

At this time, committee will also review present grant application with the intention of obtaining more information from applicants to better determine eligibility. One requirement that will most likely be made will be that the grantee obtain liability insurance for grant area.

In the fall, committee will also start looking at possible locations and plans for shellfish lab that would eventually be open to the public.

Grant cleanup date is set for May 23rd, 1999. Committee members will meet at rotary at 11:00 a.m. and walk out to the flats. Dan volunteered to ask students up at the high school if they would be interested in helping and Tony will contact the DPW to make sure they can dispose of the garbage.

Motion was made by Michael and seconded by Sarah to have meetings be one hour except last meeting in May. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Michael to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. **Motion carried** unanimously.

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Suggestions and General Discussion-Possible Future Agenda Items

Jack Joyce made suggestion that someone from private sector could purchase a glass bottom boat and organize tours out to the grants.

Also David suggested that when looking at planning and building a shellfish lab, we should talk to Cape Cod Tech and see if they would be willing to assist in the construction of the lab.

Having work studies over the summer.

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