

Members present: Mark Landers, Fred Huss, William Alwardt, and Elizabeth Mansure

Others Present: David Grunden, Jason Mallory, and Nicole Morey

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Previous Minutes

No previous minutes

Shellfish Constable Report

Constable Grunden read his July 2016 report.

He said that they are seeding out the oysters about 1/3 way down Major's Cover toward Gravel Island. They are tending to the crab traps about once a week and they have more out this year.

He advised that WHOI is collecting samples of the stinging jellyfish in Farm Pond to see if they eat scallop seed as they tend to be in the eel grass. He warned that some people are very allergic to them and the stinging cells stay active out of water.

Deputy Constable Jason Mallory added that spider crabs eat them.

Chairman Landers commented that the time to open/close the drawbridge seems slower than the old one. He would like a close eye kept on the flushing of the Lagoon Pond due to the larger foundation in the middle.

Vice-Chairman Huss asked if they did flow measurements before building the new bridge.

Constable Grunden replied that there were tides gauges out in various locations.

There was a discussion of how the amount of sand has increased due to seepage and where the barges were placed during construction.

Member Alwardt asked about the survival of the oysters.

Constable Grunden replied that they had 89% survival rate and that they should be ready by October 1st for harvesting. He added that Major's Cove is closed until November 1st but there are oysters outside the area. He said that hopefully they will see a water quality improvement; DMF only tests for bacteria while MVC tests for the nutrients.

Motion: To approve July 2016 report. By: Vice-chairman Huss. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Old Business
Crab Traps

Chairman Landers felt that they should be further apart.

Deputy Constable Mallory replied that they are collecting a barrel and a half every week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary