

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

Others Present: David Grunden, Nicole Morey and Andrew Wheeler.

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Commercial Shellfish Permit Application

Committee members reviewed and approved Andrew Wheeler's commercial shellfish permit application.

Previous Minutes

Motion: To approve July 19, 2016 minutes. By: Member Mansure. Second: Member Alwardt. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Shellfish Constable Report

Constable Grunden read his August 2016 report.

Committee members discussed the scallop season opening dates.

Motion: To approve recommend to the Board of Selectmen the following dates:

Sengekontacket Pond & Outside Waters:

Recreational permit holders	Saturday, October 8, 2016
Commercial permit holders	Monday, October 17, 2016

Lagoon Pond

Recreational permit holders	Saturday, October 29, 2016
Commercial permit holders	Monday, October 31, 2016

By: Member Mansure. Second: Chairman Landers. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion: To approve the Shellfish Constable's August report. By: Member Mansure. Second: Member Alwardt. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Old Business

Farm Pond

Constable Grunden advised that another study needs to be done for MassDOT; they want a "scour analysis" for more details on where the culvert will be located. He said Fuss & O'Neil are trying to confirm what exactly MassDOT wants. He continued that there is money for permit application fees as well as another small study, there is money for Army Corp and they will be sending a project manager out sometime in September and there is match money from the Town.

Drawbridge

Committee members raised their concerns about the amount of fill that has gone into the Lagoon on the Oak Bluffs side as well as the channel.

Constable Grunden said that he would discuss the possibility of dredging with the Joint Committee as well as the Oak Bluffs Harbor Master Todd Alexander.

Gear

Constable Grunden advised that a new boat is on the Capital Improvement list and that the new truck would be coming on August 23rd.

Diving section

Member Alwardt asked about the possibility of reducing the diving only section in Sengekontacket Pond to just Sections 1 & 2.

Chairman Landers said that he remembers the discussions they had about the creation of the diving only section regulation. He added that it could be placed on an agenda for a future meeting when there is a full Committee present.

Member Mansure thought that it was too late for this year and they would have to invite all interested shellfishermen to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary