Members present: Mark Landers, William (Billy) Alwardt, Elizabeth (Betty) Mansure and Dan Martino.

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

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Shellfish Constable Report

Constable David Grunden read his January 2017 report.

Member Martino asked about the rust tide.

Constable Grunden said that the rust tide does not shut down the fishing down as it is not harmful to humans. He said that if they could reduce the nitrogen that is going into the ponds then they might see fewer algae blooms.

Member Martino said that working on the kelp they have found that they have a nitrogen deficiency and that MVSG has found at the solar hatchery in Lagoon Pond a nitrogen deficiency in the water. He continued that it is only during the summer months when more people are on island that the nitrogen levels increase.

Members Alwardt and Mansure both disagreed with Member Martino as the nitrogen is in the ground water.

Constable Grunden said that nitrogen in the ponds is still an issue even in the winter months. He said that the water might look cleaner but there are different types present at different times. He said that he would look into what MVSG has reported about the nitrogen levels.

Member Martino asked if the Lagoon Pond was dredged would that help lessen the nitrogen levels.

Constable Grunden replied no.

Motion: To approve Shellfish Constable's January 2017 report. By: Member Mansure. Second: Member Martino. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Comments

Chairman Landers asked again about the drawbridge project and its effect on water flow in Lagoon Pond.

Member Alwardt said that the flat created might be considered a hazard to navigation.

Constable Grunden said that he would email Roland at EPA to discuss the flushing.

Member Martino mentioned that there is "Blue Economy" grant money available and that he would work with Constable Grunden on the possibility of applying.

Chairman Landers asked about getting more scallop seed.

Constable Grunden said that he would look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey
Shellfish Secretary