

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

Others Present: David Grunden, Jeffrey Clements and Nicole Morey

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Previous minutes

**Motion: To accept the March 19, 2019 minutes. By: Member Mansure. Second: Vice-chairman Huss. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Constable's Report

Shellfish Constable David Grunden recommended the following dates to open Sengekontacket Pond:

- Section 2 on April 27, 2019
- Section 7 on June 15, 2019
- Section 3 on July 20, 2019
- Section 6 on August 6, 2019

He informed the Committee that the costs for the annual contaminated shellfish relay went up by \$1.00 per bushel to the fishermen as well as a \$1.00 per bushel to the Shellfish Department who oversees the transfer of quahogs from the boat to the truck.

He said that DMF cannot assure a specific date to open the back side of Sengekontacket. He advised that a few people are getting quahogs from Farm Pond but the bottom is very soft.

**Motion: To accept the Shellfish Constable's report as well as recommending the opening dates for Sengekontacket Pond to the Selectmen. By: Vice-chairman Huss. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

New Business

Shellfish Regulation revision - #5 Section b, ii.

A Shellfish License for senior citizens is 65 years since January 1, 2018 and the revision is to take out obsolete language in the regulation.

**Motion: To recommend to the Selectmen to remove obsolete language in the regulations regarding senior citizen age. By: Member Martino. Second: Vice-chairman Huss. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Aquaculture Regulation proposed change - #8 from three (3) to five (5) year lease

Members thought that they had done this in January but they only voted for Cottage City Oyster's lease to be changed to five years.

Member Dan Martino also suggested increasing the size to four (4) acres.

Member Betty Mansure responded that she would rather that they come in and get approval from the Committee if they want more acreage.

Dan thought there might be someone from another Town with experience and equipment who could move to Oak Bluffs and want more than two acres.

Members discussed other areas that might be used for aquaculture.

Member Billy Alwardt had concerns about some areas affecting fishing and ferries, etc.

**Motion: To recommend to the Selectmen to increase the length of an aquaculture lease to five (5) years. By: Chairman Landers. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Proposed Tisbury Harbor Regulations

Chairman Mark Landers thought that the Shellfish Constable's letter was great as he has the backing and the knowledge. He felt that he did not miss anything in his letter. He is very concerned about Tisbury's proposal as both Towns share Lagoon Pond.

David advised that the public hearing would be on May 14<sup>th</sup> so their letter would be considered public comment.

**Motion: To send a letter to Tisbury and Oak Bluffs regarding the concerns the Shellfish Committee has about Tisbury's proposed regulations. By: Vice-Chairman Huss. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

Old Business

Lagoon Pond Channel

There is no update on the ACOE survey done in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey  
Shellfish Secretary