

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

Others Present: Charles (Chuck) Fisher, Marissa Quell, Ed O'Melia and Jeffrey Clements

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Previous minutes

**Motion: To accept previous minutes of August 20, 2019. By: Vice-chairman Huss. Second: Member Mansure. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

Constable's Report

Shellfish Constable Chuck Fisher read the September report to the Committee.

Member Mansure asked if the dredging in Sengekontacket would just be in Oak Bluffs.

Chuck replied that there would be some of Edgartown as well. He said that 16,000 yards would be removed and there is money to pay for the dredging. The spoils will go from the Harbor jetty to the SSA dock. He said that there will be a dewatering site on the Edgartown side of the big bridge.

Chairman Landers stressed the need for any sand for beaches should come out of the Oak Bluffs ponds. He didn't think that much dredging would get done on the Oak Bluffs side.

**Motion: To accept the Shellfish Constable's September 2019 Report. By: Chairman Landers. Second: Vice-chairman Huss. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

New Business

New marina/potential closure of shellfishing areas

Mark said he did not know if the Shellfish Committee should oppose the project but they should keep an eye on it.

Member Dan Martino would like the Committee to write a letter to the MV Commission.

Betty agreed as it is going to add pollution as well as restrict water flow in the Lagoon.

Other members felt that other property owners in that area might ask for docks as well. They mentioned that Tisbury no longer has a Shellfish Committee that might oppose such projects.

Committee members agreed to write a letter to the MVC mentioning the following:

- Run off from parking area of oil, paints, etc
- What is the MV Shipyard's history of spills and what did they do to clean it up.

- How the hazardous chemicals, used oil, etc be stored due to flooding concerns.
- Will the proposed docks impede water flow?
- Will there be live-aboard vessels?
- Potential for boat fire near fuel tanks, hazardous chemicals.
- Future development of other property owners in that area.
- Concern for potential closures due to chemicals, bacteria, etc that might affect Oak Bluffs' side of the pond.
- Dredge spoils; where will they go?

Members felt that the one-time payment of \$2,500.00 was not enough to off-set the loss of shellfish and their habitat.

Dan commented that Doug Reece of LPA said MV Shipyard should just buy Prime Marina because it is already developed.

Committee members do not want to see more boats in the Lagoon.

#### Old Business Second vehicle

Vice-chairman Fred Huss asked about the second vehicle for the department.

Chuck responded that it needs some repairs before it can be used.

#### Shellfish Relay

Fred asked about putting extra quahogs in Lagoon Pond.

Chuck replied he was thinking of putting more rafts in there rather than relay stock as then areas would have to be closed.

Billy said that he sees a lot of natural quahog seed of all sizes in Lagoon Pond but not in Sengekontacket. He feels that the hard bottom of Sengekontacket deters seed from burrowing in.

Chuck replied that what they put in recently has been digging into the bottom. He either can see it from the surface or he uses a mask to check. He felt that there are fewer crabs as the numbers are less in the traps.

#### Comments

Billy and Betty asked about opening the backside of Sengekontacket Pond.

Ed O'Melia asked FoS if they would write a letter to DMF and they agreed but they need information from Chuck.

Mark asked if there were more closures this past summer.

Chuck replied almost all of July and recalls that two years ago, it was very similar.

Members discussed the difference of amount of rainfall triggers a closure.

Chuck said that they try to look for fresh water seeps mostly around the golf course and there are one or two and nothing has shown anything bad.

Billy said that they have asked Farm Neck Golf Course for information on what they use and how much they use but have not received any information.

Ed advised that FoS approved funds to do the depth survey of Sengekontacket Pond.

Mark mentioned that the west arm of Lagoon Pond was a big winter flounder habitat.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L Morey  
Shellfish Secretary