

Minutes Provincetown Shellfish Committee
Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
5 Holway Avenue
Provincetown, MA 02657

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:00

In attendance:

Provincetown: Wendy Loughlin, David Flattery, Alex Brown, Lory Santos, Nancyann Meads, Rick Macara

Truro: Nick Brown, Mark Wisotzky, Bob Weinstein, Dan Smith, Gary Sharpless
Provincetown Shellfish Constable, Stephen Wisbauer

Truro Shellfish Constable, Tony Jackett

Public: Owen Nicol, Stephen Roderick

Moved to new business first to have a joint meeting with Truro first.

Discussions:

What is working and what is not in the ADA: large boats/scallopers going thru the ADA and damaging gear, lost product. New blinking lights have been installed on the Provincetown side. Stephen is going to work with Truro to help them get them installed on their side. Both Dave and Gary said they are very effective at night. They are on chain and not ropes so they can be left out all winter. Question whether we might lose them in an ice flow. Can we ADA on GPS and maps? Owen suggested light like on weirs. David asked about high flags. Alex said we could get a Notice to Mariners—mariners are obligated to update their maps but that does not always happen. Dave wanted to know if we could ban fishing in the area. That would be no. According to Chapter 30 we cannot ban fishing.

Lory brought up the need for Provincetown growers to have storage for gear as that kind of real estate in Provincetown is very slim. Truro could potentially have a spot we could trade something off for at the Walsh property.

Dan wanted to know if growers would like to get together. Potentially meetings could have informational speakers.

Stephen Roderick made a public comment that he thought all was going well in ADA except the lost and damaged gear...great growing environment.

Truo departed and we continued with regular business.

Alex moved and David seconded approval of the 9.10.19 minutes. Vote 5.0.1

Nothing has happened with the surveillance camera.

Signage is with Harbor Committee

Wake update by Lory and Dave

A discussion was had about the Cutler Bill. Stephen feels it is going nowhere. We are going to keep paying attention to it.

New Business

David talked about changes at the Pier and that Harbor Committee is working on a chain of command with the Select Board.

Rick mentioned that a few weeks ago a dog cut his paw on an oyster at the Johnson Street beach/flats. Can we put up signage? "Sharp Shells" Stephen said we can do a larger relay but that will require a bigger effort with more man power. Rick did not want a larger relay. Can we move the oysters and place them between the rocks in the jetty? Rick wants the place safe and the oysters to remain to keep the water clean.

Lory suggested that perhap it was not a bad idea to consider approaching the Harbor Committee about the purchase of an all terrain vehicle for shared use by Shellfish staff, Harbor staff, and Fire and Rescue. We will discuss this further in November.

Alex moved and Dave seconded to adjourn at 7:10 5.0.1

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