

## Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

For

05/27/16

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 4:01pm EST

**Members Present:** Scott Lindell – Chair, Dan Smith, Nick Brown, Steve Wisbauer, Mark Wisotzky Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable)

**Others Present:** Gary Sharpless

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed for the 04/08/16 meeting. Nick made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2016 meeting as presented. Mark seconded, and the **motion** passed 4–0-1 (Scott abstained).

**Discuss ADA Waitlist and Other Status of Applications For Aquaculture Grants:** Tony informed the committee that no new applications had been received. The current waitlist remains with two interested parties on it.

**Review Over-Wintering Reports From Growers:** Tony & Steve provided an update on overwintering from growers in the ADA. They experienced losses and reported that mussels are abundant.

**Discussion of the Status of Updating the Shellfish Constable Job Description:** Nick noted that as of this meeting, the committee is not aware of an updated Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable job description and that it is needed so that this committee and provide the Board of Selectmen with our impression/evaluation of the Tony's performance. Copies of the previous job descriptions and other information were distributed and discussed. Dan agreed to draft an updated job description for the committee to review and potential forward to the Town Administrator.

**Discussion of National Park Service Mgmt of Pilgrim Lake/East Harbor:** Nick had a conversation with Laura McKeene. It was reported that the culvert between the East Harbor and the bay is basically dysfunctional and collapsing. Dan reported on his conversation with Steve Smith, Plant Ecologist for the Cape Cod National Seashore. The summary finding is that the

restoration work done in previous years seems to have stabilized the estuary but it is fragile. If the culvert were to totally collapse, water quality would quickly deteriorate from its current state. Ideally steps should be taken to increase tidal flow and flushing. Steve suggested that we request that the State begin water sampling of East Harbor in hope of eventually getting its status upgraded from prohibited to conditionally approved.

**Discussion of SAC Membership and Officers:** Scott discussed SAC membership and officers and reported that it is time to select officers and membership at the July meeting. He also stressed the need for a secretary to be appointed.

**Status of the Pamet Harbor Flats after the Shellfishing Season and Plans for Seeding:** Tony reported that recently +/- 300 bushels of quahogs were planted in the waters of the Pamet Harbor. The quahog seed from ARC is growing but will be late. In addition, he reported that the harbor has experienced a very large mussel set along the banks.

**Discussion of On-line Application for Shellfish License:** Mark met with the Town Administrator and she reported that within 4-6 months all town permitting will be able to be completed on-line, including shellfish licenses.

Nick made a **motion** to adjourn at 4:45pm. Dan seconded, **motion** passed 5 – 0.

*Approved @ 06/14/16 SAC Mtg.*

*Submitted by  
[Signature]  
Daniel W. Smith  
Vice Chair / Secretary  
06/29/16*

