

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

For 3-1-19

Meeting Called to Order: 4:03 PM EST

Members Present: Dan Smith Vice-Chair, Gary Sharpless Secretary, Mark Wisotzky, Steve Wisbauer, Nick Brown, Danna Pazolt & Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable) and other Truro and Wellfleet Shell Fisherman and residents (to hear and comment on Mass Shellfish Initiative presentation)

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed for 1-25-19 the meeting. Mark made a **motion** to approve the minutes as corrected. Gary seconded, and the **motion** passed 4-0-0

- **Most of the Meeting was on the Mass Shellfish Initiative (MSI) presentation.** The MSI provides overarching guidelines, goals, and a strategic plan for the state to maximize the economic, environmental, and social benefits of Massachusetts' shellfish resources, built with input from shellfish stakeholders across the state. MSI is not a regulatory body and cannot change regulations or policies.

There was some pros and cons discussion after the meeting between the MSI presenter and the individuals from the audience, but the SAC refrained from any official comments since it wanted to do so at our next SAC meeting. Below is a brief outline of the MSI volunteer request for information form each town.

Requested from each town from MSI:

- Share what your town considers:
 - Top 3 most critical challenges related to shell fishing
 - Top 3 recommendations for how the MSI could improve your shellfish resources.
 - Fill out Assessment Committee Survey
 - If your town chooses to identify volunteers that want to serve on an MSI committee as a representative of your town, please submit their names and contact information.
 - If your town has additional input at this time, please contact MSI directly. Please note that there will be additional opportunities in the coming months for providing formal input on MSI recommendations
- **Topics for next meeting agenda and schedule for next** feedback on East Harbor
 - 1) Review MSI presentation request info and decide as a committee our response
 - 2) Review Shellfish Grants
 - 3) Review MAA (Transfer of Grants Proposed Bill
 - 4) Shellfish signage review
- **Adjourn:** Dan made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:25PM. Mark seconded, **motion** passed 4-0-0.