

# Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

For

01/25/19

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:05pm EST

**Members Present:** Dan Smith – Vice Chair, Nick Brown, Dana Pazolt, Steve Wisbauer, Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable)

**Others Present:** Jan Worthington – BoS, Jeffrey Souza & Billy Souza, Owen Nichols

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed for the September 10, 2018 meeting. Nick made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Dan seconded, and the **motion** passed 3–0-1 (Pazolt – Abstained)

**Review Grant Application:** Jeffrey Souza reviewed an Aquaculture License Application for a new grant off of Cold Storage Beach. Discussion ensued regarding his plans and intentions. It was noted that the application had not been reviewed nor approved by Tony Jackett – Shellfish Constable. The Committee found the application to be acceptable. Steve made a **motion** to approve the application as is, contingent upon review and approval by the Town’s Shellfish Constable and all other local, state and federal authorities. He went on to say, should the application change in any material way, the applicant will be required to present the revised application to the Committee for review and approval. Nick seconded and the **motion** passed 4-0-0.

**Discussion of East Harbor Culvert Project & Possible Uses:** Owen Nichols reported that The Center For Coastal Studies continues to sample the harbor for invertebrates and shellfish as well as completing other benthic sampling. The final report has not been completed at present time but he reported that he has observed numerous types of invertebrates and shellfish thriving in the harbor.

Jan reported that the culvert replacement project is underway albeit in the very early stages. Steve noted that DMF currently has the harbors waters classified as prohibited but routine water sampling is underway. It is surmised that once the culvert is replaced, the increased water flow will only improve upon the harbors current water quality levels.

Jan asked the committee for input on how Truro aquaculture might benefit from this project.

**Review Shellfish Signage:** Tabled to next meeting. Steve will bring examples of signage to review.

**Update on Soft Shell Clam Seeding in the Pamet Harbor:** Tony reported that the initial planting of soft-shell clams seems to be going well. They appear to have grown but are still under the protective netting. He also reported that he has placed a seed order for 100,000 quahogs and 10,000 large oysters. Provided the soft-shell clams continue to thrive, he plans to order an additional 25,000 from Salem State.

**Review Annual SAC Board of Selectmen Report:** Dan distributed a draft of the 2018 Annual SAC Report that will be submitted to the BoS for the committee's review. No changes and/or suggestions were made so it will be submitted as is.

**Discuss 2019 Goals & Objectives:** Nick prepared a list of possible G&O's for the committee to review and consider. Discussion ensued about the topics. This topic was tabled and will be added to the next SAC meeting agenda.

**Topics for Next Meeting Agenda and Schedule Next Meeting:** Topics for the February meeting will include:

- Discussion Shellfish Signage: Steve Wisbauer
- Mass Shellfish Initiative – Melissa Sanderson
- 2019 G&O's for SAC
- Review Grant Applications

Dan made a **motion** to adjourn at 4:30pm. Nick seconded, **motion** passed 4-0-0.

Reviewed & Approved by SAC  
on 03/01/19

Submitted by:  
DAN SMITH  
Vice Chair

