

Natural Resources advisory committee Minutes

Thursday February 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Tom Robinson, David Reed (via Zoom), Matt Hobart, Greg Martino (via zoom), Noah Mayrand, Roger Moffet, Harbormaster Gary Kovack and Shellfish Constable Dannielle Ewart.

Also Present: Recording was Lynne Fraker and Messrs. Eric Likt and Nelson Sigelman were in the audience.

1) Call to Order 5:30 pm: Tom Robinson called the meeting to order.

2) Public Comment:

Ms. Fraker had 2 comments: 1) that the NRAC is also the shellfish committee and that when a complaint is made to the committee, such as last month, concerning movement of the family fishing area, the committee should review, and 2) the current version of the Tisbury Shellfish Regulations were not formally voted upon by the selectboard.

3) Shellfish Report and Harbormaster's Report:

Reports through December were reviewed by the committee. Noah Mayrand requested that historical data concerning harvests should be included in the reports for reference and context. MS. Ewart has subsequently supplied this data via e-mail. Lynne Fraker asked what monies have been spent on the Lake Tashmoo dredging project. A discussion of accounts took place and Mr. Kovack stated that \$150,999 was spent. Mr. Novak also stated that the town has hired an assistant, Ms. Sarah Coddling for the Harbor Department and that private mooring waiting list fees have been collected.

4) Previous Meeting Minutes:

November 14, 2024, minutes – Matt Hobart made a motion to approve, second by Tom Robinson and approved **7-0-0**.

January 9, 2025, minutes – Matt Hobart made a motion to approve, second by Noah Mayrand and approved **7-0-0**.

5) Re-Assignment of Private Mooring Fees:

Mr. Kovack proposed that a \$509 (average of existing private mooring categories) fee be charged by the town when a private mooring is re-assigned for a one-year period. Mr. Likt made a comment that the original mooring holder should be re-imbursed for the wear and tear the mooring will receive while in use. The committee discussed and agreed this should not be the case as moorings are inspected every 3 years and the chain is often replaced.

A motion was made by Matt Hobart that The Town shall charge a fee of \$509 (the average of the existing private mooring categories) adjusted for inflation as necessary. Mr. Kovack will ask the selectboard to approve. **Voted 6-0-0**. Mr. Kovack will ask the selectboard to approve

On-going Shellfish Regulation Review:

Tom Robinson opened the topic by saying 3 documents had been circulated for the purpose of discussion. The existing Shellfish Regulations, a copy of which has been modified by Nelson Sigelman dated December 2019, and a list of suggestions from Ms. Ewart. A broad discussion took place covering sections 8,15,16,20 and 23 of the regulations but no motions or votes occurred.

Items not Anticipated by the Chair:

None.

The meeting ended abruptly at 6:37 when the connection for the zoom meeting failed.