

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday June 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Tom Robinson, Noah Mayrand, David Reed, Matt Hobart, Roger Moffat, Harbormaster Michael Gately and Shellfish Constable Danielle Ewart.

Also Present: Lynne Fraker

1) Call to Order 5:00 pm: Tom Robinson called the meeting to order.

2) Public Comment: None

3) Minutes: The minutes from the March 13, 2025 meeting were not voted upon as a quorum from that meeting was not present. A motion to approve the minutes from the May 14 was made by Roger Moffat and seconded by Noah Mayrand. **Voted 5-0-0.**

4) Harbormaster's Report:

70 Newly Awarded Mooring Permits ; A proposal on where the newly awarded moorings would be placed and their type (town, private, or commercial) will be prepared for the NRAC to review prior to public comment. Lynne Fraker asked if a committee would be formed to help with the proposal. The committee advised the harbor department to proceed as proposed. Lynne Fraker voiced her displeasure that a sub-committee was not being formed to help with this process.

The pump-out boat is ready for service in the inner and outer harbor and the Lagoon. Originally, a proposal for a new pump-out boat for the Lake Tashmoo would be purchased but the grant for 50% of the cost has not been awarded yet. There is no pump-out service currently available for Lake Tashmoo.

Dredging Projects; Lake Tashmoo has a reoccurring permit but nothing has been filed yet as to when and where dredging will occur at Lake Tashmoo. Dredging needed for the inner and outer harbor is not permitted and is a long way from work to be able to occur. Apparently, the last time dredging occurred in this area, a post work survey was to be conducted because an area of existing eelgrass had been inadvertently covered with dredging spoils. At this point, it is unclear what is needed to resume dredging. However, there are currently 6 Town moorings that cannot be used due to a lack of dredging. The Harbormaster will prepare a plan for both areas.

5) Shellfish Constable's Report: Was read as submitted with no questions for the Shellfish Constable.

6) May 14, 2025, Letter to Selectboard Re: Waterways Regulations Chapter 2, Section 18, Part D; The Committee approved a letter calling for the amendment of this section as previously discussed by the committee. This section calls for a fee for to be charged for aquaculture moorings. A motion to approve was made by David Reed and seconded by Matt Hobart.

Voted 5-0-0.

7) Shellfish Regulations: Tom Robinson started the discussion with a review of what the committee has done thus far on this topic. Since we started the discussion, Lynne Fraker has withdrawn her document and Nelson Seiglemen has prepared a document summarizing Lynne's work and revisions by the Shellfish Constable. Lynne stated that the document is still not readable as a regulation in her opinion and that her work has been taken out of context. We started to review Nelson's document but Danielle suggested we all read the document independently and come back prepared for final review.

Roger Moffet asked where the shellfish landings figure are derived from and Danielle responded that to a large part these numbers were her estimates.

10) Motion to Adjourn: At 6:00 Roger Moffat made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Matt Hobart. **Voted 5-0-0.**