

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday July 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm

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

Also Present: Lynne Fraker, Tom Landry, James Tilton

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

2) Public Comment: Tom Landry asked if dredging was planned for Tashmoo as the channel is already below 4' at high tide. This prompted a discussion of future dredging projects in Tisbury with Tashmoo being the most critical. The Harbormaster will review past articles to see if funds are available. The committee felt that, if possible, the dredging should wait until spring when grant monies become available and effect of dredging would be more beneficial. The committee asked the Harbormaster to prepare a report as to what funds have been approved by town meeting but not spent.

3) Harbormaster's Report:

Lynne Fraker asked if the pump out boat was operational in the Lagoon and complimented the Harbormaster on the recent changes to the town's DOCKWA web page and commented that the location of the anchorage location in the Lagoon was not very clear. Greg Martino asked if we were up or down in bookings for the season because it was hard to tell with the timing of recognition of receipts for moorings. The Harbormaster is planning to rework the format of the monthly report so that the data is comparable to prior years and easier to understand. Noah Mayrand asked if we have started work yet on the Tashmoo dingy dock and was told that there are still a few questions to be answered for the Army Core of Engineers.

4) Shellfish Constable's Report:

The Shellfish Constable notified the committee that a high fecal coliform sample had been detected in the west arm of the Lagoon near the marina and that another high sample could possibly close the Tisbury side of Lagoon Pond to all shell fishing including the oyster farms. She presented a map showing a redistricting of the Lagoon to create a new section 15A that would separate out the potentially contaminated area from the rest of the pond to eliminate the danger of the Tisbury side of Lagoon Pond being closed to shell fishing because of this one contaminated area. The committee agreed. A general discussion also occurred as to being proactive about collecting samples and which labs can be recognized by the DMF.

5) Minutes: The minutes from the June 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Matt Hobart, seconded by Noah Mayrand. **Voted 5-0-0.**

6) Shellfish Regulations:

A lengthy discussion was had, going section by section, of all the previous suggestions to modify the existing shellfish regulations. The committee reached a consensus on each section, and the shellfish constable will produce a revised draft of the regulations encompassing all the changes. Matt Hobart made a motion, second by Greg Martino, to accept the changes to the regulations discussed in this meeting. **Voted 6-0-0.**

7) Motion to Adjourn: At 6:28 Matt Hobart, second by Greg Martino, made a motion to adjourn. Voted 6-0-0.