

Shellfish Advisory Committee 5.8.19

Gus Canty Community Center, Room 3

790 Main St.

Falmouth, 02540

Present: Dan Ward, Chuck Martinsen, John Sylvia Sr., Robert Sargent, Tom Duncan, Brian Ridgeway, David Heffernan; Recording Secretary: Peter Chase

Absent: Scott Lindell, David Bailey

Guest Presenter: Eric Karplus, Science Wares, Inc.

List of Documents presented at the meeting: Agenda, document explaining proposed gear rental fees, Powerpoint slides from Falmouth Wastewater Management Plan presentation

-The meeting began at 6:05pm

-Minutes from Apr 17 meeting were not reviewed as the recording secretary from that meeting (Dave Bailey) was absent

Overview of Aquaculture in Falmouth Wastewater Management Plan (Tom Duncan)

- Mr. Duncan reviewed several slides summarizing the role of aquaculture in the Falmouth Wastewater Management Plan.
- Questions on the presentation included:
 - What accounts for the nitrogen input in our estuaries? Fertilizers? Septic tanks? Golf Courses?
 - Several questions were asked about the process of denitrification
 - How do quahogs compare to oysters in regards to nitrogen removal?

Discussion of Gear Rental Fees for Pilot Project (Eric Karplus)

- Mr. Karplus explained that the Town will need income from pilot project gear rentals for maintaining/increasing municipal propagation program.
- Applicants who intend to rent gear from the Town may be rated higher as this would be more advantageous for the Town.
- Mr. Karplus provided a description of the proposed fees. For use of all equipment, a grower would be charged no more than 7 cents per oyster and would not be charged the fee after the first 280,000 oysters have been sold in a given year. Growers would not be charged any fees until oysters are harvested.
- The Shellfish Advisory Committee unanimously voted to approve the fees and concept as proposed.

Additional Comments

- A question was raised as to whether the Kelley Grant had been expanded as boundaries appear to be wider than they used to be. Chuck Martinsen indicated he would follow up on the issue.
- A suggestion was made that we invite Ashley Fisher (from Mashpee) to join a future meeting to discuss Mashpee shellfish projects.

-Next Meeting was scheduled for Wed May 29th at 6pm

-Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Peter Chase, recording secretary.