

## Duxbury Bay Management Commission

### Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 24, 2008

A meeting of the Duxbury Bay Management Commission was held at the Duxbury Senior Center at 7 pm.

In attendance:

#### **Duxbury Bay Management Commission (DBMC):**

In attendance: Shawn Dahlen, Ned Lawson, Don Merry, Corey Wisneski, John Brawley, Joe Messina, and Emmett Sheehan.

Missing: John Carnuccio, Jack Kent, Don Beers (*ex officio*)

A quorum was reached.

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#### I. VOTED:

Unanimously, to accept the minutes of 10/25/2007, 11/29/2007, and 1/10/2008, as amended.

#### II. VOTED

Unanimously, to elect Ned Lawson as the next chairman of the DBMC

#### III. WINTER SAFETY

Ned Lawson met with Don Beers and Jake Emerson of the Harbormaster's Department regarding the safety of Duxbury Bay during the winter months. Beers has many of the winter safety issues under control, although the shellfishing community that utilizes the bay year-round should take their safety into their own hands. Recommendations for how shellfishers can increase their safety included having a cell phone in a protective, waterproof cover; having a waterproof VHF radio; conducting regular radio checks among themselves; and to organize a water drill (perhaps at Percy Walker pool) to practice removing heavy waders while submerged.

#### IV. AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

John Brawley and Don Merry re-circulated the latest draft of the Duxbury Bay Management Plan prior to this meeting. Ned Lawson thinks the plan is much improved, although some advocate-style language still remains. John Brawley stated that he will add the regulations and Bay maps as attachments. It was suggested that research opportunities should be pursued that may put some hard science behind the plan's recommendations, including the ecological implications of the recommended acreage increase. The DBMC (in coordination with other committees) should create a list of questions that need to be answered within three years and should take the initiative toward finding funding for the studies to answer these questions. The Conservation Commission is looking at whether some public lands can be leased to the shellfish industry for off-season storage of gear.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center (SEMAC) may have grant money available for the study of using public lands for equipment storage.

The final comments on the Plan should be submitted to the ad hoc committee by January 31<sup>st</sup>, with the final version of the Plan to be presented to the DBMC prior to the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, when a vote to accept the Plan will take place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Wisneski  
Secretary