

ORLEANS SHELLFISH & WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2009

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*J. M. O'Neil*

Attendance: Tim Linkkila (Chairman), Dave Dunford (Selectman Liaison), Marty Leonard, Don Bakker, Judy Scanlon, Cecil Newcomb, Joe Silva, Jay Harrington.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Tim acknowledged Lara Simca, who was present at the meeting and is a member of the Cape Cod Commercial Hookfisherman's Association (CHFA). Cecil approached the Hookfisherman's Association for funding for materials for the monofilament recycling program that we want to have at our Town Landings. Lara stated that the new executive director of the CHFA is reviewing our request and Lara will be at our next meeting to let us know the outcome.

Lara also mentioned that the CHFA has come up with funding for the restoration of the Lonnie's - Pilgrim Herring Run. The amount is \$15,000 and is to be used for work on the entrance of the run. The Department of Marine Fisheries is finalizing a construction plan and most of the work will be done by them. A second funding for Orleans is for a Cedar Pond and Rock Harbor Creek feasibility study on flow restrictions at the dykes, culverts and the creek itself. Lara also mentioned a third and final funding for a feasibility study for Sarah's Pond. This funding is from a private citizen. Don believes that the Sarah's Pond study should be scrapped and the money should be used for a study of Shoal Pond that historically was a herring run. The outlet for that run on Pleasant Bay was just north of the town landing on Route 28. Don says the remains of the run can still be seen. The waterway was blocked when work was done on Towhee Lane. Don is going to show Lara the remains of the old run.

Lara also mentioned that one of her main jobs is to monitor trawlers and scieners for their catch of sea herring. Most of the herring caught is used as bait for lobsters.

Jay believes that the cormorants are a significant predator of the river herring when they are leaving Pilgrim Pond on their way to the ocean. Large flocks of cormorants have been observed in big and little Pleasant Bays around the exodus time of the young herring.

**SELECTMAN LIAISON:** Dave stated that the conversation we had at our last meeting about the vehicle stickers for the Town Landing and Rock Harbor situation were also brought up at the Selectman's meeting. There was no action taken on the vehicle stickers. The situation at Rock Harbor is still an open issue. Dawson has requested that:

- 1) The beach area be planted with beach grass
- 2) The portable toilets be removed and
- 3) The trash barrels be removed also

Dave mentioned that discussions have commenced on an agricultural committee either be formed or added to an existing committee's charge.

Dawson Farber could not attend the meeting tonight so there was no Harbor Master's report.

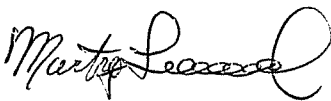
Tim received an e-mail from Bill Mitchell stating that he will be back in time to attend the meeting in March. He stated that the herring run captains have reenlisted for another year. He hopes the count will be as successful as last year. Tim wondered if there may be any changes in the schedule of the count. Judy said that the starting and ending of the count may be lengthened. It may start a few weeks earlier. Fifteen hundred fish were counted last year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cecil checked at various suppliers for the materials needed for the monofilament recycle containers and came up with a cost of \$50 for each container. Lara thought that maybe certain businesses might sponsor containers, which would help with the cost.

Judy will be leaving us until April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Skaket Room at 7:00PM. Please bring agenda and minutes and notify the chair if you cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Leonard", with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Marty Leonard