

ORLEANS SHELLFISH & WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2010

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Attendance: Don Bakker (Chairman), Mark Mathison (Vice Chairman), Marty Leonard, Judy Scanlon, Bill Mitchell, Jack Moran, David Slack.

Neither Dawson Farber (Harbor Master) nor Dave Dunford (Selectmen Liaison) could attend the meeting.

The meeting did not have an official start because there was no chairman. An election of officers took place and Don Bakker was elected Chairman and Mark Mathison was voted in as Vice Chairman. Phillip Peterson, a new member was voted in as Secretary if he wants the job.

There are two more slots to be filled to make this committee complete. Don wants to recruit some commercial shell fishermen as new members. He believes it would be to their benefit to join this committee. Bill knows of a person that may want to be a member. Dave is going to contact another person who has a commercial shellfish license who fishes the Nauset Estuary.

The minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> were read and accepted.

Dave again mentioned that the lack of shellfish propagation in both big and little Pleasant Bays and the estuaries that are connected to them should be looked into. This will be on the agenda as new business at the next meeting.

Dave mentioned that the dock and ramp at Paw Wah Pond are being misused and something should be done to stop it. The situation will be brought to Dawson's attention at the next meeting.

Judy mentioned that maybe the committee could get involved in doing a test set of oysters in Cedar Pond. The Pond is considered a marine body of water because of the rise of salinity. That happened with the removal of the pen boards to give the pond a better flushing.

Don mentioned that we did a study of that pond a number of years ago. It has taken some big hits over the past years. First with the Route 6 run-off, then drainage from the town center and the droppings from the Cormorants perching on

the high tension lines. That pond was a great white perch fishery years back.

Jack was wondering about the problem of usage of town property at the ramp and dock behind Goose Hummock. The owner of the Orleans Inn complained about the fishermen and pressured the selectmen into not allowing boats to be left at dry dock over the winter.

Judy mentioned the possibility of discussing the joining of an Aquiculture committee such as ours with an Agriculture committee or commission such as the one that Alan Chase was heading up.

Dave mentioned that he would like to see new blood on the grants in Pleasant Bay. There is not a lot of active members out there. Don stated that if people who have grants and are not actively working them, that they should have their permits taken away.

Another topic of discussion is moorings. Don stated that this topic has been discussed many times and fees were raised significantly to commercial marinas. Personal moorings were discussed and settled last year. Don believes that the mooring discussion should be at the bottom of the list of topics.

Judy brought in some samples of Water Lettuce and Water Hyacinth, she harvested in Pilgrim Lake, which are an invasive species. She believes some were placed there in the lake at the end of the summer. They may have come from someone's Koi-Pond. The plants can grow and spread rapidly. They don't need bottom soil. They float on the surface. They could survive if we have a mild winter. They should be harvested and destroyed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Skaket Room at 7:00 PM. Please bring agenda and minutes and notify the chair if you cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted, (one more time)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marty Leonard".

Marty Leonard