

Orleans Shellfish & Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2011

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In Attendance: Rich Tyldesley (Chair), Mark Mathison (Vice-chair), Don Bakker, Judy Scanlon, Howard Steilen, and David Slack

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM.

The November minutes were accepted as written.

Dawson not being present there was no Harbormaster's report. Rich said the River Rd. ramp reconstruction appeared to be moving along rapidly.

Rich commenced discussion on potential changes to Committee membership requirements and changes to the Committee charge. Discussion ensued on Judy's rough rewrite.

It was agreed the group didn't need 2 'wild commercial and 2 aquaculture fishermen to discharge its responsibilities and couldn't enlist them anyway.

Discussion followed as to whether there should be any requirement for commercial fishermen participation or if the other criteria listed by Judy should suffice.

David proposed that 2 commercial fishermen be required and if that were unattainable that the group and the Selectmen could mutually agree to waive that requirement.

Judy said her review indicated some towns had specific requirements for participation and some did not.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken on a motion that committee membership consist of 2 commercial fishermen and 7 others possessing qualifications as listed in Judy's "Draft Revised Charge", provided that the Advisory Committee and the Selectmen could jointly agree to waive the requirement of 2 commercial fishermen. The motion carried with 5 in favor, none opposed, and one abstention

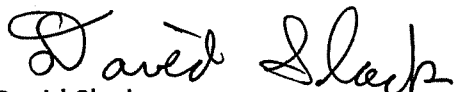
Discussion moved to the Committee's charge itself. After debating several items in the charge, it was agreed Judy would revise the draft and send it to David for distribution to Committee members. It could then be discussed and approved at the next meeting for submission to the Selectmen for final approval.

Rich turned the discussion to the topic of the heavy seal population especially at Tern Island. The heavy predation on numerous species of sea creatures was noted however it was agreed the Town is powerless to act in the face of the seals' protected status and the Seashore's heavy enforcement.

"Right to Farm" was mentioned briefly by David. Judy and David agreed to discuss further.

Rich adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


David Slack