

**Orleans Shellfish & Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee**

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Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2012

In Attendance: Rich Tyldesley (Chair), Mark Mathison (Vice-chair), Don Bakker, Howard Steilin, Judy Scanlon, David Slack, Dawson Farber (Shellfish Constable), Dave Dunford (Selectmen Liaison)

Rich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Dawson gave the Harbormaster's report:

The River Rd. launch ramp is 99% complete. Paving expected to commence the next day. Dawson indicated the Our workmanship is excellent & timely. The new ramp is wider, steeper, & longer. Marsh grass restoration is slated for early spring.

Commercial harvester(s) are moving mussels from areas with heavy eider populations North of Strong Isl. to areas in upper parts of Little Bay where eider predation should be less.

Dawson reported he is looking to permit Rock Harbor dredging so it may take place next year. Eastham officials have said they wish to discontinue the past practice of depositing spoils on their side thus requiring the spoils to be dewatered and transported elsewhere. This would push the estimated cost from \$75,000 to perhaps upwards of \$500,000 (split between the two towns). The May Warrant will include \$300,000 Capital Cost to dredge and transport approximately 30,000 yards. An additional factor is the assessment of the Eastham Highway Dept. Superintendant that Dyer Prence may not be sturdy enough to handle the necessary trucking.

Lastly, Dawson said that the red tide research under the auspices of Don Anderson, W.H.O.I. will commence again in February, this time in Robert's Cove. An 8 Ft. by 50Ft. area will be gridded off for sediment samples. A Lexan box will cover the plot after the bloom. The bottom will be re-suspended to bury the cysts to see if they are killed off.

Rich commenced discussion of the Committee's revised charge. The Committee voted unanimously to approve it as written for submission to Dave Scanlon and Dawson for their review.

Rich asked if there was other business. It was indicated seals have moved up into Lonnie's & Salt Ponds as well as Town Cove.

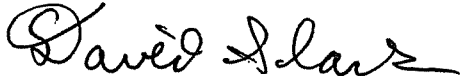
Dawson said the oyster plot continues at Mill Pd. He may have to open a portion of it to the public per state regs. He is still waiting to see if any natural spat occurs but none observed so far. He is considering deploying some 'Chinese hats' to try to catch spat. He may continue to plant in that area. Dawson also said that although it was difficult to confirm whether planted quahogs actually reproduced, the \$18,000/Yr investment pays off in catch and cultural value.

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David Slack mentioned an upcoming presentation on oyster gardening taking place at the Wellfleet library. He mentioned one obstacle in Mass is there are no riparian rights to shellfish grown on private property. Dawson brought up challenges involving public health issues. Judy asked about the possibility of a 'community garden'. It was generally agreed there were lots of issues surrounding any approach including the legal mechanism to publicly or privately purchase seed for a community garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Slack".

David Slack

Feb 21, 2012