

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 5:00pm

In Attendance: Tom Robinson, John Packer, David Reed, Noah Mayrand, Greg Martino, Matt Hobart & Lynne Fraker

Also Present: John Crocker, Kim Elias, Danielle Ewart, Jeff Canha, Melinda Loberg, Sandy Cannon-Brown, Douge Reece, Janet Packer, John Best.

- 1) **Call to Order 05:00pm:** Tom Robinson called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Public Comment:** As a possible future agenda item, John Packer stated that the SSA is looking to introduce a Hybrid Ferry similar to the Nobska. I thought that there was a regulation regarding double ended ferries and thought the committee should request the Select Board write a letter to the SSA.
- 3) **Proposed Tashmoo Dinghy Dock Expansion Discussion: Harbor Management Plan:** Tom explained that the Select Board would like the Committee's recommendation of the Dinghy Dock Expansion Project. Tom stated that he has recused himself from any discussion with the Conservation Committee. There was a meeting a couple of weeks ago regarding the proposal. The Shellfish Department and Harbor Department proposed a different configuration from that of what was originally proposed. In attendance was the Shellfish Dept, Harbor Dept, the working group, Jane Verconda, conservation agent and Jay Grande. His understanding was that the Town would be behind a compromise layout proposed. Lynne also mentioned that the best management practices provided by the DMF were for private docks not for projects of this nature. She was told that the DMF do not make any decisions, that they make recommendations. She also stated that the Shellfish constable was not in support of the project. Lynne Fraker made a presentation showing both the working group and the compromise proposals, highlighting the pros and cons of both layouts. After lengthy discussion Matt Hobart made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to:

Recommend to the Selectboard to endorse the amended (compromise) version of the reconfiguration of the Lake Street Landing Dinghy Dock Expansion.

(Voted 2-1-4)

4) Aquaculture Regulations Proposed Amendments:

Tom Robinson acknowledged the comments and suggestions made by the Shellfish Constable with respect to the proposed changes. David Reed asked Danielle Ewart for her comments regarding bird deterrents. Danielle said that DMF had some best practices regarding deterrents. It was suggested that a best management practice be added as an addendum or as part of the application package. After further discussion, Greg Martino and Noah Mayrand informed the

committee that the Aquaculture Licensees had met with Jay Granda, Town Administrator to ask some questions and had made some alternations including a component for enforcement and punishment and processes. It was also simplified and slimmed down slightly. David Reid stated that some people were concerned about floating gear and how it may lead to conflict on the water. Danielle stated that she had not yet seen the latest draft yet. Greg stated that it was sent to committee members. Doug Reece, Lagoon Pond Association stated that Sherry Countryman wrote a letter supporting the changes that the Shellfish Constable had suggested. In addition, reminded the committee that the MVC is in the process of mapping the lagoon is a mapping project in progress MVC, regarding mooring, anchorage, recreational and shellfish areas. A public hearing regarding the draft Aquaculture Regulations is slated for February 7, 2024.

5) Review of Harbor and Shellfish Department Monthly Reports:

Harbor Report. After reviewing, Lynne Fraker requested Harbormaster give an update that on future agenda there be an update on the Owen Park Pier Dock, warrant articles, Permitting of Moorings and Dredging.

Shellfish Report. After reviewing it was requested that the Shellfish Constable provide the committee with historical shellfish totals. Shellfish Constable will be asked to send the information to Tom.

6) Waterways Regulations:

Waterways Regulations will begin discussion at the next meeting. Lynne Fraker had converted draft regs into a word document that was easier to read and will forward to committee members before next meeting.

Greg Martino made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to adjourn.

(Voted 7-0)

Documents: Tashmoo Dinghy Dock Proposal Plan/Layout
Harbor and Shellfish Department Monthly Reports
Shellfish Constable Comments and suggestions to Aquaculture Regs
Draft Aquaculture Regs
Lagoon Pond Association Letter

