

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 5:30pm  
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

**In Attendance:** Michael Baptiste, Matt Hobart, John Packer and Greg Martino, Roger Moffat, Jeff Canha and Paul Munafo (late arrival)

**Also Present:** John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fraker, Bob Landreth, Jay Grande, Jeff Kristal Bev Potsaid, Dawn Barnes and Paul Neary.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jeff Canha opened the meeting.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Lynne Fraker stated that she was disappointed that the letter of recommendation submitted to the Select Board was not taken up and hopes that does not continue. She also stated that the recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations were important and suggested more meetings to get them done.
- 3) **Minutes:** Matt Hobart made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2021, August 19, 2021, and September 30, 2021 as corrected **(Voted 6-0)**
- 4) **Natural Resource Director:** Jay Grande spoke to the Committee requesting them to consider the position of Natural Resource Director to oversee the Harbor and Shellfish Departments. Although a job description has not yet been fully developed, he gave an overview of what the vision of the position would entail. He asked that the Committee recommend to the Select Board to save as a placeholder on the FY23 Town Warrant which is due for submittal at the Town Clerks office on December 17, 2021. After lengthy discussion John Packer made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to Recommend to the Select Board that the Town of Tisbury place the position of Natural Resource Director on the FY23 Town Warrant. To be used as a “place holder” pending further review and discussion. **(Voted 3-2)**
- 5) **Shellfish Constable:**  
**Shellfish Constable, 2022, anticipated seed allotments from Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group and other sources: Dates for Scallop Season:** Danielle Ewart explained that the Shellfish Group post their annual report in the Town Report every year. They have expanded over the years since 1976. Seed procurement is the number seed that determine they give us. She has not been provided the numbers of quahog seed for 2022. In 2019 over 2,700,000 were provided and in 2020 over 5,500,000. She does not yet have the production numbers for 2021. The shellfish department also receive scallop eggs and larvae. Jeff Canha explained that the information received is to ascertain how the Waterways Committee can better serve her department,

possibly through grants. Danielle explained that in the past she has received seed from Salem State, however that program is no longer running.

**6) Harbormaster:**

**Update on Owen Park Pier Project including funding spreadsheet:** John Crocker met with Select Board Oct 6, 2021 and discussed the Owen Park Pier Project. Outcome of the discussion was to work with the Town Administrator on the project and with the conservation committee and will move forward to have a detailed drawing to better show changes previously discussed with the Waterways Committee. Have ordered a detailed drawing. A notice of intent is being worked on and the plan is to submit it to the planning board for their January meeting. This is the beginning of the permitting process. Currently there is \$400,000 for the Town's portion of the project. The Town would look to the Seaport Economic Council for a Grant which is typically 75% share of the cost. There may be other grant opportunities to make up any difference if needed. Harbormaster is hopeful that permitting can be done in a year however could take longer. Paul Munafo stated that if the Harbormaster provided a good reason why the \$200,000 CPC funds had not been expended within the time frame, he did not see any reason why the funds cannot remain in place for the project.

**Mooring Fee Increase Discussion:** John Crocker explained that the mooring fee increases have happened every other year. Only exception in this case is an increase in the mooring and dockage fees. Biggest change is transient is transient mooring fees from \$50.00 to \$70.00 per night. Mooring fees and Lease fees up 10%. Mooring permit fees goes to Waterways Fund everything else goes to the general fund. Lynne Fraker suggested taking day fees for transient moorings that are not being used. After further discussion Matt Hobart made a motion and Paul Munafo seconded to Recommend to the Select Board that the Town of Tisbury approve an increase in mooring fees and rate changes as presented.

**(Voted 6-0)**

**7) Shellfish Constable:**

**Hustleton Head Aquaculture Application**

**Amendment/Application to current License**

**Application to 2<sup>nd</sup> location**

**Jeff Canha recused himself from discussion.**

Danielle explained that she is looking to make a recommendation to the Select Board. First discussed was the Lagoon Pond location which is an amendment to the current license. To remain within the aquaculture regulations which is to have the site within four corner buoys/boundaries. Danielle is suggesting keeping within the regulations would be to change shape of location and incorporate 54,641 sq ft (approx. 1.25 acres) and to reduce the 2<sup>nd</sup> location to 32,670 (.75 acres). In effect losing 1,080 sq. ft on the Hustleton Head location. Regulations are that he would be allowed 2 acres total. Dawn Barnes understood where she is coming from. She had all been working together to help the locations work within the regulations. Dawn explained that the loss of square footage is minimal. Jeff asked that he be send to information to him. After further discussion, Matt Hobart tabled the applications for further discussion.

Matt Hobart suggested the next meeting on Thursday. December 9, 2021

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

**(Voted 6-0)**