

Town of Tisbury

Natural Resource Committee

Minutes – January 22 2020

Attendance: Sally Rizzo, Tom Robinson, David Hearn, James Tilton, Billy Sweeney, Armandine Hall, Matt Hobart, Tom Robinson, Roger Moffat, Laura Rose (Alternate)

Also present: Melina Loberg, John Crocker, Harbormaster, Danielle Ewart, Shellfish Constantable and Kim Elias, Natural Resource Admin Asst., Lynn Fracker and MV Times

Call to order at 5:00pm

Sally Rizzo read statement from Open Meeting Law.

- 1) Tisbury Selectmen Charge to Natural Resource Coimmittee:** Sally stated that she has not had a response from the Selectmen with reference to letter sent regarding the NRC Mission Statement. Sally asked that the committee go through each bullet point on the charge and discuss. Melinda Loberg gave an overview of the original charge to the committee and pointed out that it was the result of merging three committees into one. She explained that the original intent of the Selectmen was to hire a Natural Resource Director although that original thought had now changed. The committee was formed with a wide array of expertise and did not know how that would evolve in the future. Armandine asked if the decision to form a Natural Resources Committee was based on other town models. During discussion the committee felt that the charge was too broad in nature and that the language of the charge needed to tightened up and more communication was needed between the Selectmen and the Committee. It was felt that future agenda items for discussion should include Aquaculture Applications, Waterways and Shellfish Regulations, Shipyard Project and the most recent request from the Selectman, the mooring fees. It was also suggested that a joint meeting between the Selectmen and the committee might be useful. All agreed that any agenda items for discussion should be through the chair.
- 2) Update Regarding MV Shipyard Presentation:** Sally explained that despite a second invitation to the Shipyard to make a presentation that they have declined but continue to go through the application process and permitting channels. Tom Robinson gave an outline on the process on permitting and process of the MV Shipyard application. Next steps after MV Commission would be to the Conservaton Commission and then public comment. There are a number of permits that they need to apply for including Army Corp Permit, Water Quality/Chapter 91 through the State, Planning Board Permit. He believed there were nine in total. Tom stated that he would not be able to

give an opinion or discuss with the committee due to conflict. Armandine offered to provide additional information regarding the project for future agenda. It was also suggested to research the MEPA website for details in addition to looking at MVTV for Shipyard Presentation at last Selectmens meeting.

The meeting was called to adjourned 6:30pm (Tom Robinson and Roger Moffat seconded)