



TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Madison Town Campus – Room B
July 21,, 2016

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order by Steve Nikituk at 7:38 p.m. Present: Steve Nikituk, Ted Raff, Perry Rianhard, Kristine Macecsko, Bob Cika, Joe Walker, Dave Newton.

Public Comments - Oyster Restoration in Hammonasset River: Joe was looking for some help. George is working with Town of Clinton using Unilever settlement monies. Steve was thinking of dragging chain link so that things would set. George thought about using a rake, talked to his guy. His newest suggestions was talking to Tom Brennon, former Shellfish Commissioner in Clinton about doing a joint management of the Oyster Restauration Project. He can organize, coordinate and pull together. Get funding from both towns via Unilever money. He wants to talk to Wayne Church and get his buy-in and see where it goes. Then talk to Clinton First Selectman, Bruce Farmer, to see if this is feasible. Now that George owns a dock on Madison side it will be easier to do the restoration. Since he started working at his dock. There is some oyster set on the rock.. Joe spoke with Mike Ott and he could arrange getting a loader for the shell, at stump dump. George suggests waiting to do the fall since this has already set. Docker's kids are going to build the matts for the oysters. George feels he can do the spreading in a day. Our plan is 2x2 mats and then put them into larger sets.

Chairman's Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper articles Bills: Ted=\$131.96 for gas on Grady, \$12 & \$12.28 scow, \$4.60 for fasteners; : Perry shared article in the New York Times. Softshell clams have cancer...
2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission.—no report
3. Liaison with Guilford – no report.
4. 2016 Activities: a) DHHS Docker/Amenta students involvement with MSC – picking up in the fall. Joe has spoken with them about doing matting. Would like them to clean and sort oysters in the Neck River. Plan Sept or Oct. Plan is to purchase the kid size for all of the clams. Steve has already spoken with Chris about this.
- 5.2016 Clamdig: Next Dig on September 24th & 25th, (10-2 each day). Steve will send list out to team about who will do what. We have a cage and a half of oysters=5-6 bags. We had enough last time. George is going to bring to the dig.
- 6 Survey West Wharf outside of pilings for hard clams –no report
7. Surf Clams at Surf Club - Found some at surf club. One of the guys in Milford, Ron Goldberg, grows them. Steve emailed Fred to see what came of it. Also Googled it and found an article about a group growing in NJ. 2yr seed to eat so this is great. Steve will send article to the team. Wants to think more about it. Likes sandy soil, we have, so perhaps think about a program. Dave thought: only 2 active areas so would be concerned with having to close a section for them to grow. Perry thought: we have seeded hard clams, didn't work. Why do we think this will work? Steve "We have found natural growing surf clams. So sense they grow in sand and it is worth a shot. Shorter growing cycle"

Commissioners' Report – Perry Rianhard

Perry said he spoke to Sea Grant and they said that the commission could get some money for an awning, and Bob Cika said he has one.

1. Replace buoy off of Seaview Beach—We have a sign!!!! Next time Dave goes down he will put it. Perry has coordinates. Concern is still how to float and anchor.
2. Scow Status – Dave and I went down. Water in boat and had to pump out.
3. Grady White – needs to be cleaned.
4. Waterbury Avenue – saw two cars parked there recently.

Commissioners' Report – Ted Raff

1. Treasurer's Report – Ted said that the Treasury Balance is \$19,385.13 balance. End of fiscal year. Dig results \$1930 clam \$82 price \$12 ice \$2029 total cost. \$530 sales of license and whatnot. Loss of \$1499.
2. Commercial Leases — Has to send George at Indian River Shellfish another lease for the new time period.
3. Manage shellfish License, Regulations and Maps—No report
4. Manage weekend closing due to rainfall and rain gauge—New signs being made from Dick Pryor. In order and have new set of signs.
5. Liaison with Bureau of Aquaculture – No report.

Commissioners' Report –, Dave Newton -- No adverse conditions. Monday is the plan for testing. Do we want to try to open Circle Beach? The water typically passes. Need to find some clams.

Commissioners' Report –, Joe Walker---

1. Oyster restoration Hammonasset River/Clinton Harbor. Would like a compressed agenda to plan for the fall. And just talk about this next meeting.
2. Support walkway and dock at Salt Meadow Park -- Believes that kayak launch is in the long range plan. Wasn't killed yet in planning. CIP process has this still.

Drone: We are going to view Dardanelles September before the clam dig. Take photos to see what it looks like at very High tide.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted
Kristine Macecsko/Abigail White