

TOWN OF MADISON
MADISON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING February 20, 2020 Madison Town Campus – Room B

The regular meeting of the Madison Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Steve Nikituk, Ted Raff, Eric Thal, Kevin Clark, Perry Rianhard, Dave Newton. Also present was Madison resident Ted Burdacki.

Approval of minutes (January 2020) Dave said that in his report where it says he has to do January, to add “yet to do” (January). Motion by Kevin Clark, and seconded by Dave Newton to approve the January 2020 minutes as amended. This passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Ted Burdacki said he was interested in a small scale commercial bull raking for clams and that he did it in Stonington before. Dave suggested he get a license and explore, and keep track of his totals. Chairman Nikituk added: and then tell us if you want do a lease.

Chairman’s Report – Steve Nikituk

1. Bills and Correspondence/Newspaper articles – bill from Dave for two trips to Milford.
 2. Liaison with Clinton Shellfish Commission – no report
 3. Liaison with Guilford Shellfish Commission – no report
 4. 2020 Activities/DHHS Docker/Amenta students involvement with MSC – Chairman Nikituk said Mike Docker said the kids could help plant steamer clams at Surf Club and Seaview Beach. Chairman Nikituk said some of the clams could come from Area D.
 5. Surf Clams
 6. Clam Digs 2020 -----June 27 & 28 from 10-2 pm and September 26 & 27 from 12-3 pm
 7. Major Projects 2020: steamers, and surf clams
- Major Projects 2020: steamers, and surf clams—Steve said he had a surf clams hatchery in Rhode Island that for \$350 MSC could purchase 10,000 quarter-inch surf clams. He said to plant them in deeper water outside of Whale Rock with the same tool used to harvest them. Eric agreed to get the surf clams.

Commissioners’ Report – Kevin Clark

1. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurers Account balance: \$24,612.13 and he received a \$500 payment from Indian River Shellfishing.

Commissioners’ Reports – Dave Newton

1. Meat & Water testing – Dave said he has done two adverse samples. He said he went out January 28th and took open samples and on February 12th he did open and adverse samples..

Commissioners’ Reports –

1. Manage weekend closing due to rainfall and rain gauge – no report
2. Signs – Ted said he and Chairman Nikituk got two directional demarcations signs: one for Twin Coves and one for Neptune.

Commissioners’ Reports –Eric Thal

1. Updated MSC Plan – Eric said he got a generic plan from Tessa at Bureau of Aquaculture.
2. Kelp – no report

Chairman Nikituk said that the state Bureau of Aquaculture restoration steering committee is looking for people to join it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted: Abigail White