

TOWN OF IPSWICH - MASSACHUSETTS

Shellfish Advisory Subcommittee to the Select Board

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019

A meeting of the Shellfish Advisory Subcommittee to the Select Board was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2019 in room C of the Ipswich Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Chair Linda Alexson, Michael Lambros, Brenda Turner, and Nishan Mootafian. Also, present were Shellfish Constable Scott LaPreste and Recording Secretary Marie Rodgers. Chief Paul Nikas, Wayne Castonguay, David Swicker were not present.

This meeting was video recorded by ICAM.

Citizen's Queries:

Chad Keveny, 4 Sagamore Road, was present with his father to request a waiver to apply for a student commercial permit after the December 31 deadline had passed. Constable reported three student applications were still available.

The Committee explained the process. He should present his request to apply late to the Select Board on February 19, 2019. If his request is approved, he will need a letter of good standing from his school to submit with his application to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will also require a copy of his shellfish transaction card ("bed certificate"), which he can obtain from the Division of Marine Fisheries' office in Gloucester..

Constable Report

Constable LaPreste announced the deadline for renewal of commercial shellfish permits is Friday, March 1, 2019.

Chief Nikas and the Constable will be interviewing for a new deputy next week; one should be hired by the end of the month. Ms. Alexson requested the Constable invite the new deputy to the March meeting.

Commercial Shellfish Permit Lottery

Constable reported thirteen people applied; Mr. Lambros drew chips at random from his hat. Constable announced the official results, as follows:

1. Edwards, Samuel
2. Sadowski, Thaddeus
3. Wegzyn, Paul
4. Haas, Kenneth
5. Purington, Ryan
6. Bauman, Claudia
7. Snow, Winthrop
8. Smith, William R.

9. Thater, Skylar
10. Cammett, Richard
11. Sadowski, Jack
12. Kanaday, Jenelle
13. Henley, Bruce

Green crab trapping program

Constable confirmed that the green crab trapping program will receive \$12,500 from the State and has \$5,000 from the town to begin trapping on April 1. Discussion took place regarding the price per pound offered for trapped green crabs. The market for green crabs is sporadic and fluctuates. The continued research and development conducted by Roger Warner is significant and essential.

Constable LaPreste explained the application process to trap green crabs; it is open to anyone, applications will be available at the police station along with the contracts. Information will be placed on the hot line recording.

Ms. Alexson requested a motion for a recommendation to the Select Board.

MOTION: Mr. Mootafian moved to recommend the green crab bounty payment be .40 cents per pound. Mr. Lambros seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Ms. Alexson announced that at the next meeting of March 5, 2019 a representative from the YMCA will attend with possible offering for clambers.

In response to Ms. Alexson's request for data sets, Constable indicated that he will provide up to date information at next month's meeting.

Approval of minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Mootanfan moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting. Mr. Lambros seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

►Next Meeting –Tuesday March 5, 2019 @ 7:00 PM in Room A.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Shellfish Advisory Subcommittee to the Select Board approved these minutes on March 5, 2019.