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J. Mathison
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

Shellfish and Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee - September 12th, 2023

In attendance: M. Carroll, D. Edmunds, A. Mathison, S. Phillips, P. Przygocki, N. Sears, D. Slack. Absent: B. Amaru, C. Poosikian, J. Quigley.

Approval of Minutes: August 2023 minutes approved. 5-0.

Public Comment: None.

Election of Officers: Postponed.

Natural Resources/Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable Report Nate Sears:

- The Natural Resources staff has started to clear the front beach at Nauset and has also contacted the town's boat owners in anticipation of Tropical Storm Lee.
- Nate announced that the bonfire for Celebrate our Waters weekend was canceled and advised that other events may also be postponed or canceled.
- The town was awarded the Natural Resource Conservation Grant for the herring run to match the funding awarded at town meeting.
- Dredging at Rock Harbor is anticipated to cost \$2.6 million. The towns of Orleans and Eastham each appropriated \$1.4 million. Project bids came in at \$1.8, \$3.9, and \$8.5 million. Unfortunately the project is still hung up on an Army Corps of Engineers permit. The selectboard has sent a letter of inquiry. National Marine Fisheries needs to release their comments in order for the permit to be awarded.
- There is an issue with the diesel fuel tanks at Rock Harbor that will require repair before the new fuel tanks are installed next spring. It has been a costly process.
- In early September the restriction was released on Pilgrim Lake after the cyanobacteria bloom. It was not a fish kill and the remaining herring fry were released.
- Nauset Beach will host the Outermost Roots and Blues Festival Saturday, October 7th in the new parking lot. The normal entrance has been restored.
- Quahog seed will be ready for pickup towards the end of September in New Jersey. Between 350-400k quahog seed will be planted.

Announcements/Topics for Future Meetings:

- S. Phillips announced an event on Saturday, October 21st for the Pleasant Bay Climate Adaptation Forum.
- D. Slack shared that the Wellfleet Select Board has decided not to continue with Phase 3 of dredging in the mooring field.
- D. Slack spoke to the future of shellfisheries in Orleans and requested that the topic be included in the October 2023 agenda.

Motion to adjourn by A. Mathison, second by D. Slack at 6:36pm.

Submitted by Alexis Mathison on November 14th, 2023.

Approved on **