

Parks & Recreation Minutes 01/18/18

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Present for the Park & Recreation Committee and attending the meeting were: Andy Goldman, Chairman, Jane Slater, Julie Flanders, Warren Doty and Chuck Hodgkinson. Matt Mayhew also attended. Jim Malkin and Tim Carroll did not attend.

The meeting came to order at 8:07 AM.

2018 discussion of bulkhead lot standards: Mr. Goldman thanked Mr. Mayhew for attending and explained this is a working meeting to establish performance standards for the use of each bulkhead lot. These bulkhead lots have been awarded to the current tenants for many years. There are now many new people interested in securing a bulkhead lot to support their commercial fishing businesses. Each lot will have its own set of standards that will be tailored to how each lot is utilized to support local commercial fishing. These standards will be one of many sets of factors that will be used to determine whether or not the current tenants will have their leases renewed for calendar year 2019.

Mr. Mayhew leases Lot 6 A and explained he would be open to a good potential use of his lot by someone else. He explained he hopes to keep a fishing boat on the dock in late 2019 or 2020. He still has the federal permits that are valid and he is continuing to renew them. Mr. Mayhew said he sold approximately 70,000 oysters in 2017. His seed count over the past four years was 300,000, 400,000, 400,000 and 250,000. The Committee thanked Mr. Mayhew and asked that he continue providing an annual report of his activities to the Shellfish Constable.

The committee determined to apply the same criteria and requirements to Lot 7A as to the other Lots leased by fishermen—the requirement that the committee receive an annual statement of seafood landed and sold.

In view of the most recent discussion with Karsten regarding expansion of his sushi shack for a scalloping shed, the committee wanted these minutes to summarize its view of Karsten's tenancy of Lot 7A:

Karsten obtained his lease as a commercial fisherman and has maintained it through the years by commercially fishing.

There came a time when he sought the committee's approval to construct a small shack from which to purvey sashimi from tuna that he, Karsten, was going to catch. The shack was to be removed after the summer season.

The committee has had a longstanding policy limiting retail fish outlets on the bulkhead to two fish markets. Karsten's proposal, however, offered a product that wouldn't be in competition with either of the two markets and as a retail outlet was limited to his own product.

The committee does not look with favor on a conversion of use from commercial fishing to more general retail activity than the sale of the tenant's own catch.

Consequently, criteria for Lot 7A, as for other fisherman's Lots, shall consist of reports of catch sold so that the committee may be assured that the lot is leased to a commercial fisherman actively fishing.

Administration:

The December 21, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented by consensus.

The draft 2017 annual report was reviewed and approved by consensus.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.

The next meeting will be February 15, 2018 @ 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Hodgkinson, CAS

