

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: February 15, 2012
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Gerard Ganey, Matt Ostrowski,

General Public present:

David Maki, Kathryn McCarthy - Martin, Jonathan Martin, Norman White, Linda Romano, Ryan Romano

Town Staff present:

Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the February 15th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the January 18th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee with the deletion of the word "are" in the first sentence of the review of the dredging proposal at 235 & 237 Seapuit Road Realty Trust.

Stuart Rapp handed out to committee members copies of a current informational bulletin regarding the Open Meeting Laws of the Commonwealth.

Natural Resources Report

- There is currently \$117,000 in the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund.

- **Marstons Mill River and Prince Cove Shellfish Area Opening:**

The Marstons Mills River and Prince Cove are open to shellfishing as of February 15, 2012 per order of DMF.

The Marstons Mills River is defined as: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Marstons Mills River in the Town of Barnstable, south of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove, north of a line drawn across the mouth of the river and westerly of a line drawn northerly from the two "No Shellfishing" signs located at the mouth of Warren's Cove (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved).

Prince Cove is defined as: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Prince Cove in the Town of Barnstable, north of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved).

The status of the above conditionally approved areas shall automatically revert to "Closed to Shellfishing" on May 1, 2012 unless DMF changes the areas status prior to said date.

Warrens Cove (DMF/SC:23.3; classified as prohibited) remains closed.

- **10th annual Fun-Filled Clamming Classes for Kids**

Barnstable's Natural Resources Program is offering a FREE razor clamming class for young people. The class will be held on the following date: SUNDAY, March 11th @7:45 AM at Scudder Lane, Barnstable.

Barnstable's Natural Resources Program will offer two FREE shellfishing classes for young people.

Pick from one of two dates for our shellfish class:

SATURDAY, April 14th @1:00 PM at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit

SUNDAY, April 15th @2:00 PM at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit

- ★ All youngsters must be accompanied by an adult who must have a current 2012 Town of Barnstable Shellfish License to harvest shellfish that day.

- ★ Natural Resources staff and town shellfish volunteers will be available to assist any young digger who wants the help.
- ★ Be prepared to get wet! The shellfish live in wet sand that gets covered by saltwater when the tide is high. Waders, hip boots or knee boots would be helpful. Protective gloves are necessary. Water temperatures will still be cool.
- ★ Shellfish may be taken by hand or rake. Small (garden) hand rakes and trowels will be allowed for the young diggers.
- ★ Attendees will receive a free "Clammer Kid" badge and an activity booklet.
- ★ Shellfish that are legally harvested may be taken home.
- ★ Certificates of Completion for this Clamming Class for Kids will be handed out as you leave.
- ★ SHELLFISH REGULATIONS APPLY AS ALWAYS!

The comfort and safety of participating youngsters is the responsibility of the accompanying adult guardian.

For more information, call Natural Resources during office hours Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 4:15pm at 508-790-6272 or direct your questions via email to amy.raitto@town.barnstable.ma.us

- The Shellfish Committee reviewed the NR shellfish propagation plans for 2012. The plans include in-town and out-of-town contaminated quahog relays and quahog and oyster seed propagation.

Town Apprentice Commercial Shellfishing Permits

At the February 15, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee committee approved a motion to take a five minute recess to read the final draft of the proposed of amendments to shellfish regulation 407-12C and the definition of Apprentice Commercial Shellfishing Permit in section 407-2 and approved a motion to end the recess and resume their meeting. The committee further reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to regulation 407-12C. At the February 15, 2012 meeting the Shellfish Committee approved a motion that suggested some minor wording changes for clarification and recommended that the final proposal to amend regulation 407-12C and the definition of Apprentice Commercial Shellfishing Permit in section 407-2 be adopted by the Town Manager.

Old Business

The Shellfish Committee discussed the issue of filling vacancies on the Shellfish Committee's membership. Linda Romano expressed her interest on becoming a member of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart Rapp informed Ms. Romano of the Shellfish Committee's membership structure and procedure to apply for membership on the Shellfish Committee.

New Business

The Shellfish Committee discussed the intention of David Maki to transfer his shellfish aquaculture licensed site (hg014) in Barnstable Harbor to Kathryn McCarthy - Martin. David, Kathryn and Jonathan Martin attended the meeting to answer any questions of the committee.