

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: May 16, 2012
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Robert Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Les Hemmila, Richard Haskell

General Public present:

Albert Suprenant, Joan Cross, Susan Wood, Christopher Wood, Laura Reckford

Town Council Liaison: June Daley

Town Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 16th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the April 18th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart introduced the Shellfish Committee's new liaison to the Town Council as councilor Ms. June Daley.

Stuart circulated photographs submitted by a local shellfisherman of alleged "prop" dredging around piers in the Town bays. The Shellfish Committee discussed the need for pier identification. Stuart Rapp proposed to write a letter to the Conservation Commission requesting that a regulation to identify piers and boats at piers in the field be considered.

Stuart informed the committee and the general public that membership positions are available on the Shellfish Committee for the interested public.

Natural Resources Report

- **Lewis Bay Shellfishing Closures:**

Portions of Lewis Bay described below shall be closed to shellfishing June 1st through October 31st, all dates inclusive. The areas shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1st and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.

2.8 Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto in Lewis Bay northwest of a line drawn from the southern end of Harbor Bluff in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Glenwood Street in the Town of Yarmouth and southerly of a line drawn from the end of Channel Point Road Way in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Columbus Avenue in the Town of Yarmouth. (DMF/SC:28.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**)

2.9 Lewis Bay: The waters and flats of that portion of Lewis Bay in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line drawn from the Town Way at Harbor Bluff in a southwest direction to the Hyannis Yacht Club Pier and east of a line drawn from the end of the stone jetty at Snow's Creek to the "No Shellfishing" sign on the opposite shore. (DMF/SC:28.8; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**)

- **Effective Saturday, May 19, 2012 The West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area as defined is open to the recreational harvest of all shellfish and seaworms.**

The **West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area** is defined as the waters, flats and shoreline within an area beginning from the West Bay Landing at Bridge Street to the Wianno Yacht Club pier to the "NR / No Shellfishing" sign/buoys located offshore. DMF/SC 22.11

Tom Marcotti reviewed the In-Town and Out – of Town Contaminated Quahog Relay Projects and Quahog Seed Propagation Project with the Shellfish Committee.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee of the status of the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund budget:
 Expenditures to date: \$58,096 Balance: \$117,709 Encumbered \$1,064

Shellfish Aquaculture License Application

The following shellfish aquaculture license applications were reviewed by the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture license application of Joan Cross be approved by the Town Manager. Joan Cross explained her proposal and answered questions of the Shellfish Committee. Karl I. Maki proposed to transfer his site (ng011) to the applicant. The applicant's proposed shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (site ng011; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 @ 9:15 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture license application of Susan Wood be approved by the Town Manager. Susan Wood explained her proposal and answered questions of the Shellfish Committee. The applicant's proposed shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (site ng053; 2 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 @ 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Old Business

The Shellfish Committee further discussed the development of a summer shellfishery program, where shellfish would be available for shellfishermen during the summer months. Long term and seasonal pollution closures that limit area availability and enforcement issues were topics of concerns. The topic was put on the next agenda of the committee.