

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: January 16, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Les Hemmila, Richard Haskell, Matt Ostrowski, Linda Romano, Robert Lancaster

General Public present:

Lindsey Counsel, John O'Dea, Nick Souza, Mark Lazzari, Marian Scollesii

Town Council Liaison: June Daley

Town Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Martin Wunderly

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the January 16th, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp noted an e-mail from David Ryan expressing his concerns regarding the Three Bays / Audobon proposed dredging project at Sampson's Island.

Stuart Rapp noted a letter from Nick Souza (presented to the Shellfish Committee) requesting that the Town make available more commercial shellfishing permits to its citizens. The Shellfish Committee briefly discussed the issue with Mr. Souza and the general public and suggested forwarding the topic to a future meeting of the committee.

Stuart indicated to the committee that there is currently a vacancy on the Shellfish Committee for a member trained in biology.

Natural Resources Report

- **Oyster Season Closure:**

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT NOTICE
Under the authority of Barnstable shellfish regulation 407-8G
OYSTER SEASON CLOSURE

Effective Thursday, January 17, 2013 the harvest of oysters in the Town of Barnstable is prohibited.

The Natural Resources Program, Aquacultural Research Corporation of Dennis, Ma., Barnstable County and Three Bays Preservation, Inc. in a cooperative effort are implementing experimental shellfish propagation projects in designated waters of the Town of Barnstable. The projects entail the remote setting of oysters, the nursery culture of juvenile oysters and the seeding of potential oyster habitat. It is the hope of all those involved in this project that any inconvenience to anyone's use of the public lands and resources is compensated by the successful enhancement of the natural resources of the Town's waters for the benefit of all. Thank you for your cooperation. For more information please contact the Natural Resources Office.

Oysters are required to be at least 3 inches in longest length to be legally harvested by State law. Recent recreational harvesting has removed many legal size oysters from the existing local town propagated oyster populations, leaving a large percentage of "seed" oysters. This prohibition is based on oyster seed management criteria to protect the oyster seed for long term survival and to prevent the potential unlawful harvest of seed oysters.

- **Mills Creek / Hallets Mill Pond Opening:**

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT OPENING
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATION 407-8G and 407-15F

Effective Monday, January 14, 2013 Mill Creek / Hallets Mill Pond (DMF / CCB:29.0) as defined is **open** to the harvest of all shellfish (except oysters) and seaworms.

DMF / CCB : 29.0 Mill Creek / Hallets Mill Pond

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Mill Creek and Hallets Mill Pond in the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, south of a line drawn across the mouth of Mill Creek and west of a line drawn across the mouth of Short Wharf Creek.”

• **Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund Status as of 1/16/2013:**

Balance: \$146,000
Encumbered: \$1,200

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

Applicant: Three Bays Preservation, Inc. & Mass. Audubon Society, Inc.
Application: Proposed Barrier Beach Management Plan to include maintenance dredging and beach nourishment, and other activities aimed at enhancing wildlife habitat and maintaining the integrity of the barrier beach.

Location: Dead Neck / Sampson's Island

Public Hearing: Date: January 8, March 19, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Lindsey Counsel, the director of Three Bays Preservation Inc., and project agent, John O'Dea of Sullivan Engineering, presented the proposed Sampson's Island / Dead Neck Barrier Beach Management Plan to the Shellfish Committee. The proposed maintenance dredging project would take approx. 800 feet off of the westernmost portion of Sampson's Island and redeposit the sand on Dead Neck. One third of the project would be completed each year by the Barnstable County dredge. The Shellfish Committee asked Lindsey and John questions about the project including spoils, flocculent material, siltation, bay flushing, water quality, shellfish resources and surveys, sources of funding, amongst others. The committee decided to put the proposed project on the agenda of the committee's next meeting. Stuart noted he wrote a letter to the Conservation Commission reserving review and comment on the project anticipating further shellfish surveys.

Applicant: Cotuit Developments LLC
Application: To repair / rebuild approx. 80 linear feet of the existing stone revetment.

Location: 260 Vineyard Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 015 / Parcel 006003

Public Hearing: Date: February 5, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Other Business

Matt Ostrowski requested the Town consider having the designation of “grant” be redefined by the State and instituted for Town contaminated shellfish relay areas for the exclusive use of permittees issued permits by the Town of Barnstable. The committee discussed the idea of forming a petition supporting such an action.