

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: September 18, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Albert Surprenant, Les Hemmila, Linda Romano, Robert Lancaster, Richard Haskell, Andre Sampou

General Public present: Norman White, Christopher Freeman, Lenny Clark

Town Council Liaison: June Daley

Town Staff present: Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the September 18, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp read a notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING

"Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known."

Stuart Rapp took a roll call of members present at the meeting.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion and adopted the minutes of the August 21st, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee with the corrected spelling of the names of members Albert Surprenant and Les Hemmila.

Natural Resources Report

- **Barnstable Harbor Shellfishing Area Closures:**

The following areas are subject to seasonal water quality closure by the Division of Marine Fisheries from September 15th through December 14th, all dates inclusive.

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| - Barnstable Harbor, North (DMF/CCB:31.1) | Section 2.1, page 27 |
| - Barnstable Harbor (DMF/CCB:31.2) | Section 2.2, page 27 |
| - Barnstable Marshes (DMF/CCB:33.0) | Section 2.3, page 27 |
| - Upper Scorton Creek (DMF/CCB: 34.1) | Section 2.4, page 27 |

The above listed areas shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on December 15th, 2013 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.

- **Contaminated Quahog Relay Area Openings:**

The following shellfish relay areas have been approved for the harvest of shellfish by the Division of Marine Fisheries and are scheduled to open for the harvest of shellfish as stated below: (subject to state and local rules and regulations).

**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT CLOSURE
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATION 407-15F**

Effective until Thursday, January 2nd, 2014, commercial shellfishing is prohibited within the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22)

Effective Wednesday, September 25, 2013 the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** for the **recreational** harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

Cotuit Bay Relay Area: DMF/SC21.22

Is defined as: The waters and flats of that portion of Cotuit Bay between the sign/posts located along the shoreline at the northern and southern ends of 884 Main Street and extending to the Natural Resources marker buoys offshore. (sign/posts and buoys are deployed for the commercial shellfishing closure).

Effective Wednesday, September 25, 2013 the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** for the recreational and commercial harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion): DMF/SC21.21

is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay northeasterly of the sign/post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the Natural Resources buoy located offshore to the green navigational buoy at the southern end of the Cotuit Narrows to the sign/post located on the shore at 797 Old Post Road. (sign/posts are deployed when a closure is in effect).

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that Shellfish Propagation Technician, Matt Loo, has resigned from the position and thanked him for all his service to the Town.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following proposed coastal development project proposals:

Applicant: Robert Parsons, P.E., Town of Barnstable Public Works Dept.

Location: Southern Terminus of School Street, Hyannis, MA. 02601, Map 326

Proposed:

Project: Repair 2 perforations and recoat a 50 LF steel bulkhead.

Public Hearing: Date: October 15, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Applicant: Brett A. & Mary Beth Quinn

Location: 108 Bay Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 7 / Parcel 22

Proposed:

Project: Convert seasonal pier and platform to permanent pile supported structure with no other change in footprint.

Public Hearing: Date: October 1, 2013

Time: after 6:30 P.M.

Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Applicant: Bruce Evans

Project

Location: 27 Marchant Avenue, Hyannisport, MA 02647, Map 286 / Parcel 25

Proposed

Project: Construct stone riprap on coastal bank; fiber roll toe protection for dune; place sand fill and revegetate; reconstruct stairs.

Public Hearing: Date: October 1, 2013

Time: after 6:30 P.M.

Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Old Business

The Shellfish Committee and general public continued their discussion of introducing a plan to possibly develop more private shellfish aquaculture grants in Barnstable Harbor to accommodate the people on the waiting list. Stuart Rapp informed the committee through Town Council liaison, June Daley, that the committee should formulate a proposal plan (including language and maps) for submittal to the Town Council as an agenda item.

Other Business

The committee, staff and the general public reviewed and discussed biological, management and regulatory information regarding the issue of the bacterium *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in oysters and its impact on public health.

Lenny Clark made note to the committee of the details of M.G.L. Chapter 130, Section 52 and Town of Barnstable recreational shellfish regulation 407-5 pertaining to the maximum weekly allowance of any and all shellfish harvested per week.

Norman White informed the committee of his concerns with the location of the Cotuit Oyster Company's licensed site in the Cotuit Narrows.

The committee discussed the comments of Al Surprenant regarding the pollution problem caused by birds on floats in the aquaculture zone in Barnstable Harbor.

Stuart Rapp informed the committee that, to date, 2,177 resident recreational shellfishing licenses, 144 non-resident recreational shellfishing licenses and 52 seasonal recreational shellfishing licenses have been issued.

Les Hemmila informed the committee of the Barnstable Oyster Festival which will occur on Saturday, September 21, 2013 off of Bone Hill Road near the shores of Barnstable Harbor.