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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2015
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 7:50 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Gerard Ganey, Richard Haskell, Andre Sampou, Kevin Flaherty, Linda Romano

General Public present: John O’Dea of Sullivan Engineering, Mark Begley, Christopher Freeman and David Ryan

Town Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti, Pam Swider-Cohen

Stuart Rapp chaired the January 21, 2015 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

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

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."

1.) Meeting minutes:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Kevin Flaherty and seconded by Linda Romano to approve the December 17, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

2.) Chairman’s comments:

None

3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:

Tom Marcotti reports the numbers for shellfish permits sold for 2014/2015 to date as 2,585 which was an increase of 92 residential permits over the same time frame for the previous year. The non-resident permits sold also increased over 2013/2014 from 193 to 249, an increase of 56. Seasonal shell fishing permits sold also increased over the previous year from 51 to 58 sold;

an increase of 7. A combined increase of 155 more permits sold this year over the last year. Shell fishing is popular in the Town of Barnstable.

The Shellfish Revolving Fund balance is \$132,000, the monies expended is \$103,534 with \$8,423 encumbered. Doug Kalweit is the accountant of the money as he provided the numbers.

Marcotti continues to reports that this time of year the focus is on routine maintenance of the netting and other equipment. Pending water quality approval, the Marstons Mills River may open in February. The area to open would be Prince Cove proper. A committee member asked would this include the taking of oysters if this opening is approved. Marcotti stated that as long as it is still oyster season.

Scudder Lane still has a draw of oysters and as long as it is not just seed it should remain open for the season. Tom was asked "Does it bode ill or well for the next season?" Seed left from this season is a good jump start for next year's oyster season. We are fortunate to have local seed available. We contact the local home grown seed from Barnstable Harbor. There is a nice razor clam set this year.

Marcotti also briefly discussed the Town of Barnstable's NOI for the Blish Point Boat Ramp It was confirmed that Blish Point is a State boat ramp by Wallace. Mark Begley stated that he saw the presentation made to DPW and that it was successful else where. The plan looks good for Blish Point boat ramp.

4.) Status of pending pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

None

5.) Old business:

A. Report by the aquaculture subcommittee regarding transferability of Aquaculture licenses.
No meeting was held therefore, nothing to report.

6.) New Business:

Rapp stated no new business, but he did receive an e-mail from Marcotti regarding a request to be heard by John O'Dea of Sullivan Engineering with regards to 109 Eel River. Ganey motioned to vote on whether or not to hear O'Dea. Motion was seconded by Sampou and Flaherty. Vote was taken and it did not pass to hear and continue discussion on 109 Eel River.

Shellfish committee unanimously approved a motion made by Flaherty and seconded by Ganey to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Division Assistant