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## **Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting**

**DATE: July 15, 2015**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:10 P.M.**

**LOCATION: TOWN HALL**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Andre Sampou, Kevin Flaherty, Robert Lancaster, Les Hemmila, Richard Haskell, Gerard Ganey, Linda Romano, Stuart Rapp

**General Public present:** Christopher Freeman, David Crawshaw, Mark Begley, Dennis Amery

**Town Council Liaison:** Phil Wallace

**Town Staff present:** Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti, Liz Lewis, Terri McDonald

Stuart Rapp chaired the July 15, 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:**

Approval of May and June Minutes continued to next meeting.

### **2.) Chairman's comments:**

Stuart Rapp, Chairman met with the Town Manager, Tom Lynch to discuss the issue that has been raised about the new regulations that are pending. There is a group of individuals, Friends of Barnstable Harbor, who are not happy with the commercial activity at the end of Scudder's Lane. July 22, 2015 there is a meeting to discuss this issue with Town Official, Town Council and representatives of the Friends of Barnstable Harbor. There was much discussion on what can be expected and who is involved and what the issues are.

The Town (Doug Kalweit) has been attempting to revoke a grant site since December 2014. Notifications have been sent and acknowledged by the grant holder. The grant has been left fallow and has become a hazard for disease and walking. Stuart Rapp is planning to propose to the Town Manager to revoke this grant and issue it to someone on the wait list. Discussion took place regarding this issue. Photos of this site were passed around the room for viewing.

### **3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:**

Tom Marcotti no changes in opening or closings of shellfish areas.

Liz Lewis discussed the schedule for Adult Shellfishing Classes for July 19th and August 8th at Bridge Street Landing

Doug Kalweit, Natural Resource Supervisor, reported the revenue for FY2015 we took in \$127,200 expended \$159,245. Leaving a deficit of \$48,000. \$184,893 is the balance of the account.

Discussion of the balance of the accounts and what needs to be a reduction of staff or increase fees to balance the budget. Discussion on the current deficit of two staff members.

Doug Kalweit reported the number of recreational shellfish permits sold:

Recreational permits sold: 2,233 down 51 from last year

Non-Resident permits sold: 200, up 31 last year.

### **4.) Status of pending pier applications before the Conservation Committee**

- 300 Smoke Valley Road, Marstons Mills: Discussed pier application located in Warrens Cove. Not rated area was heard by Conservation Committee on July 7, 2015. Dave Ryan did the Shellfish Survey. High sediment area.
- 315 and 325 Baxter Neck Road, Marstons Mills, North Bay. Reducing length of dock. Rated as an 8 based on high habitat values. Hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2015.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion by Richard Haskell and Seconded by Linda Romano to not recommend approval of this application based on the high productivity of the area.

### **5.) Old Business**

Status of new Barnstable Harbor grant area - no further discussion.

Further discussion regarding an escalator dredge - not discussed.

### **6.) New Business**

Discussion of "out of town" shellfish license holders parking - tabled to next meeting.

Discussion and vote regarding increasing the per year aquaculture license fee.

**DISCUSSED OUT OF ORDER** Discussion on increase of fees to make up budget deficit. Doug Kalweit proposes to recommend to Town Manager to increase Aquaculture Lease amount to increase from \$25.00/acre to \$200/acre. This would require a request to the State Legislature

to change the fee. Two towns have already achieved an increase: Mattapoisett and Fairhaven. The increase of fees would help cover the deficit. NR is still down on staff to maintain the shellfish stock. Home Rule Petition would have to be filed. Discussion on how that should get done.

The Shellfish Committee approved a motion made by Gerard Ganey seconded by Robert Lancaster, to ask Liaison to go to Town Manager to file Home Rule Petition to increase the Aquaculture Lease Rates. This motion was opposed by Les Hemmila.

**7.) Miscellaneous:**

None

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Kevin Flaherty and seconded by Les Hemmila to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri McDonald



































