

**Town of Barnstable
Shellfish Committee**
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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting
DATE: October 16, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 7:55 P.M.
LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Shellfish Committee Members present: Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Patricia Farinha and Robert Lancaster

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Al Surprenant and Bill Shumway

General Public present: None

Town Council Liaison absent: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau – Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Tom Marcotti – Shellfish Biologist and Lisa Henderson – Clerk of the Board

Stuart Rapp chaired the October 16, 2019 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 voted by majority to approve a Motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2019 as amended.

2. **Chairman's comments:** None

3. **Natural Resources Report:**

Tom Marcotti presented an update on the annual fall shellfish openings and closures.

The shellfish areas listed below are scheduled to reopen on November 1st, 2019 (exceptions listed), pending approval by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries:

Northside:

2.5 Mill Creek, Hallet's Pond, Short Wharf Creek
Mill Service and Prince Cove will remain closed.

Southside:

2.6 North Bay; 2.9 Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay; 2.10 Lewis Bay; 2.11 Pirates Cove, Seapuit River (with the exception of the pollution area closure); 2.12 Shoestring Bay

Chairman Rapp inquired if Amy Croteau could look into what if anything the Town can do to push for a resolution to the pollution of the 2.11 Pirates Cove, Seapuit River area. Croteau agreed to inquire further.

The Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing area in Barnstable Harbor will be opening effective Saturday, November 2, 2019 for the recreational harvest of shellfish including oysters.

Scallop season opened October 5th and will close April 1st by State statute.

The Bay Street relay area (DMF/SC23.20) will open for recreational shellfishing only along with the Cotuit Bay Oyster Relay Area (DMF/SC21.22) opening.

The on-going three phase dredging project of the Sampson Island area is coming along.

Amy Croteau reported on some stats that the Department has been working on. Some of these stats covered checks for recreational and commercial shellfish, Vibrio compliance, fresh and salt water fishing, citations for various violations, Barnstable Harbor Clean Up and educational outreach programs attended.

4. **Old Business:**

Vote on changes to the Town of Barnstable Shellfishing, Eel, Herring and Aquaculture rules and regulations as proposed by the Natural Resources Division of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department.

407-4 Harvest time restrictions

407-36 Commercial jackknife clam and common razor clam shellfishing

The Shellfish Committee voted by majority to approve a Motion made by Paul Caruso and seconded by Robert Lancaster to support the proposed regulation changes as presented by the Natural Resources Division of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department.

5. **New Business:**

- A. Amy Croteau presented a suggestion to the Committee to change the monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. This would enable the Shellfish Committee to hear more NOI's and voice an opinion prior to their hearing before the Conservation Committee.

Chairman Rapp requested Amy Croteau present new schedules at the next meeting to review and possibly vote on.

6. **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None**

7. **Public Comment: None**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Henderson – Clerk of the Board