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**Shellfish Committee Informal Meeting Notes**

**DATE: July 18, 2018**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis**

**As a quorum was not met the following notes were taken of the discussion held.**

**No votes were taken.**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Paul Caruso, Christopher Freeman, and Patricia Farinha

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Albert Surprenant

**General Public present:** Richard Haskell, Jacob Angelo

**Town Council Liaison present:** Philip Wallace

**Town Staff present:** Nina Coleman, Tom Marcotti, Amy Croteau, and Pam Swider-Cohen

Stuart Rapp, Chairman, stated that without a quorum the July 18, 2018 meeting of the Shellfish Committee would just be an informal discussion which proceeded at 7:30 pm with Nina Coleman of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department (MEA). Coleman explained the changes that have come to the MEA Division which has been reorganized to the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department. This department is led by Director/Harbormaster, Dan Horn. It has two Divisions with multiple areas of oversight. Derek Lawson is the Division Head/Director for the **Harbormaster Division** who oversees Harbormaster, Waterways Safety, Moorings and Marinas. Coleman is the Division Head/Director of the **Natural Resource Division** which includes Natural Resources, Shellfish, Animal Control, and Sandy Neck Park for which she remains the Park Manager. Coleman comes from a scientific background with degrees in ecology and land management. She has worked with the employees of Natural Resources and Shellfish with many different projects in the past and is very excited to work more closely with these great teams.

**Chairman's comments:**

Stuart Rapp stated there was some activity on the fourth of July in Cotuit which some "Kids" blew up a porti-potti which closed down shellfishing in the Cotuit Bay area for the weekend following the holiday. On behalf of the Shellfish Committee, he would like to send a letter to the District Attorney's Office on behalf of the Shellfish Committee to suggest part of the sentencing/punishment to include Community Service work in the shellfishing industry. Coleman was asked to be the point person for the DA's Office in regards to this; she agrees.

Rapp stated under new business on the agenda is the item of the Barnstable Local Comprehensive Plan he had asked Marcotti to gather information, as he recently had someone trying to get a variance to build a dock in that area, to hand out about the historical information regarding Dock and Pier Overlay District. Marcotti stated that in 2010 people of the Town worked very hard to protect the area for protection of shellfish. Please take your time to review it. Back in Cotuit in 2001 they put a protective measure in the Cotuit Cordwood area which started the protection of the areas. We asked the State to protect the areas, but they are just advisory and rely on the Town to put in regulation. Caruso stated this discussion started back in 1985 at the Town Council and stayed on a shelf until BARRS took hold of it.

**Coastal development projects:**

- A.) Vieth, Perry Organization: 1 Kress Farm Road, Location: #97, #105, #107 and #125 Harbor Bluff Road, Hyannis, MA Marcotti reviewed the Hyannis Harbor Bluff Revetment Project. Four properties are looking to build a formidable construct to fight against the next hurricane. It is at the tree line above the high tide line. Marcotti does not see any issues with shellfish and will make suggestions that the builders come by land or land equipment high on the beach using the same spot as to reduce impact.
- B.) Vinios, Louis N & Zacharie Location: 47 Sea View Avenue, Osterville, MA Project is to repair or replace existing stone revetment and groin and nourish the beach. Marcotti sees no issues regarding shellfish in this area for this project.
- C.) Remonki, John J. & Dorothy A. Location: East Bay Road, Osterville, MA Project proposed is to construct bank access stairs, boardwalk with kayak racks and dinghy dock. Freeman commented it is very tough shellfishing in this area. Marcotti stated don't step off the dock as you may disappear.

Phil Wallace, Shellfish Committee Liaison to the Town Council shared news pertaining to the Shellfish Committee:

**Jacob Angelo** has his second reading before the Town Council on Thursday night.

**Robert Lancaster** re-appointed expires June 30, 2021

**William Shumway** re-appointed expires June 30, 2021

Wallace also stated that the Appointments Committee is adding George Gilmore to the Conservation Committee. It has been a while since a member has been on this committee with a construction background.

Freeman would like to ask for a possible change to the Town's Shellfish regulations regarding tags.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on August 15, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Swider-Cohen, Division Assistant