

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: June 18, 2014
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

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

General Public present: Chris Freeman

Town Staff present: Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 18th, 2014 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."

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion and adopted the minutes of the May 21st, 2014 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report

Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish Committee of the status of various Town shellfish propagation projects and informed the committee about the recently transpired "Clamming Class for Kids" which was well attended. The Shellfish Committee thanked NR staff Amy Croteau, Elizabeth Lewis and Conor McMorrow for making the class a popular success.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that the number of resident and non-resident recreational shellfishing licenses issued (to date) is 98 and 54, respectively, more than issued last year at this time. The number of recreational shellfishing permits issued as of 6/18/2014: 1921

Old Business

The Aquaculture Sub-Committee is in the process of formulating proposed amendments to the Town of Barnstable Aquaculture License Regulations (Article IX) for submittal to Shellfish Committee for review. Les Hemmila informed the Shellfish Committee of the sub-committee's progress. Les informed the Shellfish Committee of one proposed amendment to regulation 407-64 for discussion purposes as follows:

When a license is discontinued or terminated for any reason, the license holder shall be required to remove all gear from the waters and substrate within 60 days and all shellstock to be removed in 6 months from the license termination date. Any and all equipment not removed within 60 days and shellstock removed in 6 months may be removed by the Town at the expense of the licensee.

Les and the Shellfish Committee discussed the elimination of the Army Corp of Engineers permit guideline of the 18 inch above substrate restriction for shellfish aquaculture gear.

New Business

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the committee's Barnstable Harbor shellfish aquaculture site expansion area proposal. Tom Marcotti supplied the committee with maps and reviewed the results of the Natural Resources Office shellfish habitat / resource surveys of the area performed during the Spring of 2014. The Shellfish Committee reviewed the geography / oceanography of the area (see attached map) and planned an excursion to the area.

