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

**DATE: August 19, 2015**  
**TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:41 P.M.**  
**LOCATION: Senior Center**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Stuart Rapp, Linda Romano, Kevin Flaherty, Les Hemmilla, Andre Sampou, Albert Suprenant, Gerard Ganey, Robert Lancaster

**General Public present:** Christopher Freeman, Mark Begley

**Town Council Liaison:** Phil Wallace

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

Stuart Rapp chaired the August 19, 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 Andre Sampou to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2015, June 17, 2015 and July 15, 2015 meetings with the with the following changes.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Stuart Rapp and seconded by Richard Haskell to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2015 meeting with the following changes:

"Town Councilman Wallace was present at this meeting."

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Al Suprenant and seconded by Kevin Flaherty to approve the meeting minutes from June 17, 2015 meeting with the following changes:

"Al Suprenant requested a written response from Natural Resources for their rationale in disagreeing with the Shellfish Committee on 10 acre per entity maximum for Aquaculture Grants."

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

Stuart Rapp, Chairman asked Town Counselor Wallace to give an update on happenings with the Council.

Counselor Wallace stated:

- Sandy Neck Beach has been extended to 3.7 miles of open beach with includes Trail 4. More beach should be opening soon.
- Town has purchased 14.1 acres of property on Sandy Neck with Conservation restrictions.
- Town Council is taking action on the homeless/opiate addiction issue in town.
- Town Manager Search is coming up
- 208 Plan and Sewering of the Town is going forward

There was much discussion on the use of oysters by Shellfish Committee regarding the mitigation of nitrogen and how it is achieved.

Les Hemmila inquired on the status of the Aquaculture Regulations that went to the Town Manager, Wallace stated that he would follow up.

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

Tom Marcotti reported September 15, 2015 the annual DMF North Side Closure will occur in the Barnstable Harbor marshes due to migratory birds.

Cordwood and Bluff point relays will open September 23, 2015. Centerville Relay stock at Bay Street will open with the DMF opening of North Bay.

Liz Lewis reported that the Flupsies at Prince Cove are going well growing quahogs. They will be planting the seed on August 18, 2015.

Shellfish Class for adults was very successful. Over 60 participated, will do it again next year.

There was much discussion on amounts and sizes at planting. Oysters are growing well, however seed stocks were low this year and it won't be a banner year. Tom discussed closing Calves Pasture for oysters to over-winter on the bottom this year.

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

Ryan Pier 260 North Bay Road, Osterville

2005 Tom Marcotti did a survey. This is a seasonal pier currently, seeking permanent pier permit. Area rated a 10 of 10 for shellfish habitat. After much discussion, the Shellfish Committee approved a motion made by Linda Romano and seconded by Andre Sampou not to approve this pier application. The motion was opposed by Al Suprenant. Stuart Rapp will draft a letter to Conservation.

## 5.) Old Business

Further discussion regarding an Escalator Dredge, tabled until next meeting.

## 6.) New Business

- Discussion and vote on Kevin J. Flaherty's shellfish aquaculture license #10-03 renewal application. Stuart Rapp inquired of Kevin Flaherty what is done on this grant. Kevin Flaherty responded that he has been working this grant for 5 years. Every year he has exceeded the minimum required production level. It is a single acre that grows oysters, a small husband and wife production.

Kevin Flaherty recused himself from the room. There were no issues at the public hearing. The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Al Suprenant and seconded by Robert Lancaster to recommend approval.

- Discussion of Non-Resident Shellfish Permit holder parking. Tabled to next meeting.

## 7.) Miscellaneous:

Les Hemmila brought the issue of the Home Rule Petition for the increase of Aquaculture Grant fees that was voted on and approved last meeting. He has had discussions with other grant holders and they would like to know where this money is going why is it considered necessary and is it going to be used to keep employees on through the winter when there is basically nothing to do. He would like it put on next meetings agenda for further discussion. There was discussion on what was actually voted on regarding the Home Rule Petition and what was discussed about adding staff. The discussion was ended by Stuart Rapp stating that a motion was made and voted on there is nothing more to discuss. Then he suggested that if individuals would like further discussion with Doug Kalweit, they should arrange a meeting with him at his office. If the Committee needs to discuss this issue further it will be put on the agenda again.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Linda Romano to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on September 16, 2015 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Terri McDonald, Administrative Assistant