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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: September 21, 2016

TIME: 7:35 P.M. to 8:35 P.M.

LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Shellfish Committee Members present: Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Al Surprenant, Andre Sampou, Ron Glanz, Gerard Ganey, Richard Haskell, and William Shumway

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Linda Romano

General Public present: Christopher Freeman, Scott Laurie, Nicholas Laurie

Town Council Liaison: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti, Liz Lewis, Amy Croteau, Devon Harrington

Stuart Rapp chaired the September 21, 2016 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:

Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2016 moved to next Agenda.

2.) Chairman's comments:

None.

3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:

Barnstable Harbor annual DMF Closure September 15 - December 15 due to migratory birds.

Scudder Lane to open Wednesday, November 2, 2016 as well as Oyster season. Oysters were planted at Bay Street in Osterville and Scudder Lane this year. Scallop season opens Sunday, October 2, 2016.

Relays opening Bluff Point and Cordwood Landing open Sunday, September 25, 2016. 435 bushels were relayed to each area from Taunton River.

Liz Lewis reported that there are 2 million quahogs growing at Prince Cove, 1st half is plantable, 20,000/net seven nets have been planted with the NE Aquarium volunteers.

Over 12 people volunteered today over 30 more nets to plant.

BARS has volunteered and Americorp is scheduled to volunteer with maintenance and planting and seeding on the north side. A big thank you to the Seasonal Shellfish Assistants this year Ann Kelly and Annalese Conway hardworking and diligent, thanks for all their help this year. This is the largest amount of quahogs we have ever grown. This year, 2 million quahogs at prince cove. Hats off to all the staff, Liz Lewis, Amy Croteau, Chris Nappi, and Devon Harrington, everyone is doing a great job.

2016 Recreational Shellfish Permits Sold to date:

2248 plus 16 from last year
190 non-resident minus 27 from last year
2438 total Recreational

Amy Croteau stated she has seen the most amount of seasonal permits transferred over to full year permits this year due to Razor Clams.

More classes are needed and we will be working on developing more classes in the coming years and possible additional permit types.

Cochlodinium outbreak seems to have subsided. Looking at papers on this topic, Cotuit Bay has its own strain and will probably come again. The drought and the hot weather were probably contributing factors.

Oyster drills are in full force which is common with droughts. There has been about a 30% oyster die off on the bottom plant. There are still plenty of good oysters though.

Wayne Hayes and Chris Woods supplied the Town with oyster stock this year.

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

Revetment Return Extension Timber Bulkhead & Groin
333 and 339 Eel River Road, Osterville
No Shellfish concerns.

5.) Old Business

Notification Conservation Commission is not able to notify the Shellfish Committee in a timely manner for all NOIs with the current meeting schedule. The Conservation Commission meets four times a month and Shellfish Committee meets only once a month. Unless the Shellfish Committee can increase the number of meetings they have, the time frames do not work. The NOIs are now required to be submitted electronically in .pdf form.

7). Matters not anticipated by the Chair.

Town Manager's Plan to address the 208 Plan in Three Bays use shellfish to mitigate the nitrogen. A draft plan will be available at next meeting. Licensing is needed from Division of Marine Fisheries. This plan involves floating gear and Army Corps of Engineers is involved with permitting. Multi - faceted process with many entities. The plan includes creating six oyster nurseries with the existing Three Bay Grant holders in North Bay. The oysters will be moved to grow out areas prior to November 15 when North Bay reopens for shellfishing. The science is being researched as to how much nitrogen is actually removed by the Oysters.

The topic of Annual Report information needed was discussed which included:

- Mission Statement / Tag Line
- Major accomplishments
- Status on performance
- Major projects or initiatives
- Graphs (if appropriate)
- Photos: Send photos (.jpg) in a separate file. *Photos taken within the report's fiscal year are preferred.*
- Where to go for more information: point person, contact information, website
- Department Head headshot

Phil Wallace informed the Committee that Sandy Neck is moving forward with a project to move the parking lot back due to storm erosion.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on October 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terri McDonald, Administrative Assistant