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

**DATE: November 16, 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, Linda Romano, William Shumway, Ron Glanz, Richard Haskell, Al Surprenant, and Gerard Ganey

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Robert Lancaster and Andre Sampou

**General Public present:** Christopher Freeman, John Nawoichik

**Town Council Liaison present:** Phil Wallace

**Town Staff present:** Tom Marcotti, Chris Nappi

Stuart Rapp chaired the November 16, 19, 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:**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a Motion made Linda Romano and seconded by Ron Glantz by to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2016.

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

None.

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

Tom Marcotti announced the upcoming openings and closures.

ASP event is now over. All of the south side is now open with the exception of the Mills River and Prince Cove which should open on January 15, 2017. Barnstable Harbor marsh areas are still under State closure for coliform counts.

Water samples taken two weeks ago from North Bay were all less than 1 for a coliform count. East Bay water samples are still being watched to see if it can possible be opened in the future.

Oyster Drills were plentiful this year and did a number on the oysters on the north side at Scudder Lane. The drought really gave them a boost, we lost about 30-35% of oysters. Calves Pasture oysters are looking good and should open December 15, 2016.

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

Hyannis - Aselton Park - Gateway Marina - Town is doing maintenance dredging.

Barnstable Inner Harbor - off of Freezer Point Stuart Bornstein is having the bulkhead rebuilt.

***Post Conservation Commission Hearing Piers - Informational Only:***

Steve Miller, 145 Bridge Street, Osterville  
Hearing was on November 8, 2016, results are unknown by Tom Marcotti  
. Area is Rated a 6 out of 10 for shellfish habitat.

Oregon Beach 1424 Main Street, Cotuit  
Hearing Date: November 15, 2016  
90 foot pier into Nantucket Sound  
Viable area for quahogs and other shellfish

Recreational Shellfish license are at about the same as they were at last year.

**5). Old Business**

None.

**6). New Business**

A. 2017 Shellfish Committee Meeting Schedule

<b>January 18, 2017</b>	<b>July 19, 2017</b>
<b>February 15, 2017</b>	<b>August 16, 2017</b>
<b>March 15, 2017</b>	<b>September 20, 2017</b>
<b>April 19, 2017</b>	<b>October 18, 2017</b>
<b>May 17, 2017</b>	<b>November 15, 2017</b>
<b>June 21 2017</b>	<b>December 20, 2017</b>

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a Motion made by Ron Glantz and seconded by Linda Romano to approve the above schedule (the third Wednesday of every month) for meetings for the Shellfish Committee for 2017. The meetings will be held at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center.

## B. Commercial Razor Clam Fishery Management Proposal

Mid Section of Barnstable Harbor to open to Commercial Shellfishermen for razor clams only. Currently it is a recreational only area. These razor clams have a short life span and are dieing off. Natural Resources would like to open the area up for commercial harvest while they are still viable.

This area was opened as an emergency opening which ends December 10, 2016 and now would like to go through formal amendment to the Shellfish Regulation to open December 15, 2016 to December 15, 2017 for commercial harvesting to clean out the area.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a Motion made by Al Surprenant and seconded by Ron Glantz to change the Shellfish Regulation §407.19 Northside commercial harvest area restrictions to allow Commercial Razor Clam harvesting in the center area of the Barnstable Harbor, Recreational Shellfish Area.

### 7). **Matters not anticipated by the Chair.**

Question was asked about Bay Street, Osterville opening for Commercial Shellfishing as it has been in the past?

Answer: This area will not be opening this season for commercial Shellfishing. There are still oysters growing in the area as well as a lot of seed quahogs growing in that area.

Protection of Habitats - Using boat cleaners at Cotuit Town Dock or scraping paint in the embayments, is it legal?

No, Natural Resources should be notified it is a violation of State Law and citations can and will be issued.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on December 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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