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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting
DATE: April 17, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 8:11 P.M.
LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Shellfish Committee Members present: Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Patricia Farinha, Al Surprenant, Bill Shumway

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster

General Public present: Rich Haskell, Tyler Hagenstein, Carlton Sands, Catherine Ricks and Ruby Coleman

Town Council Liaison not present: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti, Shellfish Biologist, Nina Coleman, Director of Natural Resources/Sandy Neck Park Manager, Terri McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Stuart Rapp chaired the April 17, 2019 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 voted by majority to approve a Motion made by Patricia Farinha and seconded by William Shumway to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2019 as written.

3. Chairman's comments. None

4. Natural Resources Propagation Report

Tom Marcotti gave the Propagation Report as follows:

Natural Resources Report: April, 2019

• **DMF Shellfish Area Management Closures:**

North Bay Closure:

North Bay: The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of North Bay, northeasterly of a line drawn from Point Isabella to the north tip of Grand Island; north of the Bridge Street Bridge and south of a line drawn across the mouth of the Marstons Mills River (DMF/SC:23.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

Marstons Mill River and Prince Cove Shellfish Area Closure:

Marstons Mills River: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Marstons Mills River in the Town of Barnstable, south of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove, north of a line drawn across the mouth of the river and westerly of a line drawn northerly from the two “No Shellfishing” signs located at the mouth of Warren’s Cove. (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through February 14, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on February 15 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

Prince Cove: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Prince Cove in the Town of Barnstable, north of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through February 14, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on February 15 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

Pirate’s Cove / Seapuit River (located at Sampson’s Island) Closure:

Pirate’s Cove, Seapuit River: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of that portion of Seapuit River and Pirates Cove in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line north from the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign at the westerly end of Dead Neck to the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign on Grand Island and east of a line drawn northeasterly from the northeast tip of Sampson’s Island to the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign on the southwest end of Grand Island (DMF/SC:21.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

East Bay Closure:

2.13 East Bay: The waters, flats and all tributaries of East Bay in the Town of Barnstable, northwesterly of a line drawn from the breakwater on Dowses Beach to the southern tip of Long Beach, and southerly of a line drawn southeasterly across the mouth of Centerville River from the “NO SHELLFISHING “ sign located at 315 Main Street Osterville to the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign on Long Beach and northeast of a line drawn southeasterly between the two “NO SHELLFISHING” signs located at the mouth of Phinney’s Bay and not including SC24.4, SC24.5 and SC24.6. **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.)**

Barnstable Harbor Closure:

2.5 Mill Creek, Hallet’s Pond, Short Wharf Creek: The waters, flats and all tributaries of Mill Creek, Hallet’s Pond and Short Wharf Creek in the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, south of a line drawn across the mouth of Mill Creek and west of a line drawn across the mouth of Short Wharf Creek (DMF/CCB:29.0; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**

Clamming Classes Scheduled:

Learn to Shellfish Classes

Open to All Ages

**Barnstable’s Natural Resources Program will offer two
FREE shellfishing classes open to the public:**

WEDNESDAY JULY 10th @ 12:30 PM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville

SATURDAY AUGUST 3rd @ 8:00 AM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville

Have you ever wanted to learn how to shellfish? Have you been before, but you’re still looking for more tips? Here is your chance!

- ★ Natural Resources staff and town shellfish volunteers will be available to assist anyone who wants to learn to dig quahogs and steamers or just to get a few more pointers!
- ★ Be prepared to get wet! The shellfish live in wet sand that gets covered by saltwater when the tide is high. Waders, hip boots or knee boots would be helpful. Protective gloves are necessary.
- ★ Shellfish may be taken by hand or rake. Small (garden) hand rakes and trowels will be allowed for children only.
- ★ Shellfish that are legally harvested with a valid permit may be taken home.
- ★ SHELLFISH REGULATIONS APPLY AS ALWAYS!

For more information, call Natural Resources during office hours Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 4:15pm at 508-790-6272 or direct your questions via email to elizabeth.lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us

17th annual **Fun-Filled Clamming Classes for Kids**

**Barnstable's Natural Resources Program will offer two
FREE shellfishing classes for young people:
SATURDAY JUNE 8th @ 10:00AM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville
SUNDAY JUNE 9th @ 11:00AM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville**

- ★ Natural Resources staff and town shellfish volunteers will be available to assist any young digger who wants the help.
- ★ Be prepared to get wet! The shellfish live in wet sand that gets covered by saltwater when the tide is high. Waders, hip boots or knee boots would be helpful. Protective gloves are necessary.
- ★ Shellfish may be taken by hand or rake. Small (garden) hand rakes and trowels will be allowed for the young diggers.
- ★ Attendees will receive a free "Clammer Kid" badge and an activity booklet.
- ★ Shellfish that are legally harvested may be taken home.
- ★ Certificates of Completion for this Clamming Class for Kids will be handed out as you leave with your catch.
- ★ SHELLFISH REGULATIONS APPLY AS ALWAYS!

The comfort and safety of participating youngsters is the responsibility of the accompanying adult guardian.

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5. Status of pending NOI pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

Applicant: Carlton C. Sands, Jr. and Christine A. Sands
 Project Location: 4 Bay Shore Road
 Hyannis, MA 02601
 Proposed Project: Install of seasonal dock on Lewis Bay
 Public Hearing: April 30, 2019 @6:30pm

No vote taken. The shellfish Committee discussed this NOI and Jacob Angelo and Patricia Farinah volunteered to attend the Conservation Commission Hearing and voice the concerns of the Shellfish Committee with regards to the area being rated an eight of ten shellfish habitat as well as the depth and prop dredging that may occur.

Applicant: Windmill Cove Associates
 Project Location: Windmill Cove, South from Bridge Street
 Osterville, MA 02655
 Proposed Project: Maintenance Dredging
 Public Hearing: April 30, 2019 @6:30pm

No vote taken. No issues from Tom Marcotti or the Shellfish Committee due to location project description.

5. Old Business: *None*

6. New Business:

Shellfish Revolving Account update by Nina Coleman, Director of Natural Resources.

Nina Coleman gave a review of the Shellfish Revolving Account and the Shellfish Program:

Recreation Permits Sold:

2019 Non Resident sold to date: 178

2019 Resident sold to date: 1006

Harvest Numbers Recorded:

FY 2019	Oysters	2,034 pecks		FY 2018	Oysters	3,192 pecks
	Quahogs	1,196 pecks			Quahogs	1,077 pecks

		2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD 2019
REVENUES						
431050	SHELLFISH FEES	123,800.79	144,599.22	163,005.00	152,277.50	75,122.71
464060	GRANTS-TOWN-LOCAL	3,412.46	3,341.25	3,748.57	3,825.17	3,998.62
474040	GIFT/CONTRIBUTIONS & DO	-	-	0.00	0.00	4,122.00
475160	GIFT/SOUVENIR/MERCH	-	-	0.00	0.00	2,113.34
Total Revenues		\$ 127,213.25	\$ 147,940.47	\$ 166,753.57	\$ 156,102.67	\$ 85,356.67
SALARY & WAGES						
Total Salary & Wages		\$ 91,230.85	\$ 97,322.70	\$ 106,011.41	\$ 115,630.75	\$ 76,849.36
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 64,987.28	\$ 31,158.41	\$ 54,007.56	\$ 25,380.00	\$ 22,636.07
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
Total Capital Outlay		\$ 3,027.59	\$ 13,506.63	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 159,245.72	\$ 141,987.74	\$ 160,543.97	\$ 141,010.75	\$ 99,485.43
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ (32,032.47)	\$ 5,952.73	\$ 6,209.60	\$ 15,091.92	\$ (14,128.76)
Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 221,046.92	\$ 189,014.45	\$ 194,967.18	\$ 201,176.78	\$ 216,268.70
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 189,014.45	\$ 194,967.18	\$ 201,176.78	\$ 216,268.70	\$ 202,139.94
		32,032.47	(5,952.73)	(6,209.60)	(15,091.92)	14,128.76

7. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Jacob Angelo put forth a request to change the Commercial Shellfish Regulation for the harvest for soft shell clams on the northside to include Wednesdays year round.

Currently the regulation reads:

Section 407-18. Northside harvest restrictions.

- A. *Harvest days. The commercial harvest of soft shell clams on the Northside of the Town of Barnstable shall be allowed Monday through Friday. However, commercial harvest is prohibited on Wednesdays, May 1 through October 15, annually.*

Jacob Angelo also commented on the MSI Task Force and that he had attended a meeting off cape. He is attempting to get on the board in some capacity to give Barnstable a voice at the table.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Patricia Farinha and seconded by Paul Caruso to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri McDonald