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SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: December 8, 2021
TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 6:31 P.M.

This meeting was held via ZOOM

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Tyler Hagenstein, Douglas Crook, Al Surprenant

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Jacob Angelo

General Public present: Connor Rogan, Arlene Wilson, Bill Cherepon, Joe Weinberg

Town Council Liaison present: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable,

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order, the December 8, 2021 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. 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."

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes:** November 10, 2021 Minutes moved to next agenda.
- 2. Chairman's Comments:** Sad News that Andre Sampou passed away. Andre was a wonderful outdoorsman. So sad, deepest sympathy to his family, he will be missed.

He was one of the founders of BARS and one of the first volunteers for the Town and a great advocate for shellfish.

3. **Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:**

A. December openings.

December openings: East Bay opened on time, December 1st. There are small closures around small streams, vast majority is open. Centerville River relay stock has been distributed in the area for both Commercial and Recreational harvesting.

Pending water quality testing on December 13, Barnstable Harbor Marshes and Calves Pasture should open December 15.

Doug Crook – questioned the Millway Channel dredging details. Amy will be providing start date when she gets it and will share the information.

Kris Clark – spoke to Brian Taylor – he stated that the plan is to keep the area open and accessible – nothing has been set up yet will know more after the new year.

4. **New Business:** None

5. **Upcoming (and Old) Renewal & Transfer Hearings:** None

6. **Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:**

A. Applicant: 265 Seapuit River, LLC
Project Location: 265 Seapuit River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655
Representative: John O’Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: To perform maintenance dredging with re-use on site
Conservation Hearing: 12/07/2021 6:30PM via Zoom

Approved by Conservation Commission – Natural Resources comments there is no shellfish. In this area, only concern is that the area is staked correctly. No opposition to the project as proposed. Project location is in Cotuit Bay across from Sampson’s Island. Maintenance Dredging, no vote.

B. Applicant: Corey A. Griffin, Trustee Glen Lane Nominee Trust
c/o Atlantic Management
Project Location: 49 Main St, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 185, parcel 20)
Representative: Arlene M. Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc.
Proposed Project: Modification of existing pier by extending fixed pier 24’, reusing existing ramp and turning float parallel to the channel
Conservation Hearing: 12/7/2021 6:30PM via Zoom

Continued until January 18, 2022. Not presented to Waterways yet and there was no shellfish survey included initially in the NOI. Shellfish survey needs to be completed and will be on for next Agenda on January 12, 2022. Scheduled to meet with waterways at the end of January.

7. Old Business:

A. Marstons Mills River Quahog Dry Dragging Pilot Year 2 Discussion

Natural Resources is amendable to continuing this project a second year.

Patricia Farinha would like assistance on thoughts for ways to take care of the spoils from the dragging and reusing. Please contact Patricia with any ideas.

Amy Croteau clarified that this is not dredging this is by product from dry dragging for quahogs.

Tyler Hagenstien stated approximately two bushel totes of debris was collected for every 5 bushel baskets.

Connor Rogan asked about putting the spoils in the town's compost area at the land fill.

Joe Weinberg stated 80 - 100 totes were removed last year – but last year it was returned to the “dead_area bottom” ideally it would be to removed and reused for compost.

Learned that there was concern about the seed sett in the area when dragging in this area. The size of seed is very small and would fall through the dredge just like sand and not be removed with the debris.

Amy Croteau feels that a three year program is appropriate.

8. **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

Kris Clark mentioned that there is a nice tribute to Andre Sampou on the BARS website.

Doug Crook questioned the sponge and the accumulation.

Croteau the project is to get the better settlement of seed land have bottom turnover. Both species of sponge is native although it is a nuisance to access the bottom and the chowders. The sponge is present throughout most of three bays.

Connor Rogan asked about the area that dragging will be allowed.

Amy Croteau stated that the area could be increased by moving somewhat into Prince Cove but not into North Bay.

Al Surprenant stated the dragging is helping the bottom. Thinks that it should be done in North Bay as well, because it needs it. The Bay is dead and could use a lift, was a hugely productive area 50 years ago.

Croteau this is an “in-stages” approach to get a grasp of what it is doing before we move into other areas.

Patricia Farinha asked if there is a regulation on Jet Skis and the turbidity it causes around docks.

The Shellfish approved a motion made by Bob Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Farinha to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Terri McDonald – Clerk of the Board