



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632



SHELLFISH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023 TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Bill Cherepon, Douglas Crook, Al Surprenant, Patricia Farinha, Jake Angelo

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster

General Public present: Paul Hendricks, Theresa Hendricks, Lynn Kraus, Mark Begley, Jill Nawoichik, Chloe Starr, Jared Hemmila, Aaron Hemmila, Rich Haskell, Tim Hamel, Jimmy Bright, Tucker Tatro, Jack Bacigalupo, Dave Aittaniemi, Corey Hendricks

Town Council Liaison present: Paul Cusack

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, as April 12, 2023 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart 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:** Douglas Crook moved to approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes and Jacob Angelo seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving minutes as written.
- 2. Chairman's Comments:** None
- 3. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:**

1. Shellfish Growing Area Updates

Shellfish Constable Croteau stated water quality closures effective May 1 include North Bay, Mill Creek in Barnstable Harbor, East Bay and Pirates Cove in Cotuit Bay. The Hyannisport Yacht

Club mooring field has already closed, and the rest of the mooring areas will probably close between May 15 and June 10 as boats get put into the water.

2. Centerville River Relay Schedule

The relay is open to everyone in the public May 3-4 and May 11-12. Information is posted on the Town of Barnstable shellfishing webpage.

There have been 2,019 total shellfishing permits sold to date. Oyster harvest numbers include 2,144.42 pecks out of Barnstable Harbor, 1,062.5 out of Bay St, and 74.78 out of Bridge St. The numbers for quahogs were 953.42 pecks out of Barnstable Harbor, 284.49 out of Bay St, and 21.47 out of Bridge St. The question was brought up of what is the number of oysters being harvested from the amount of pecks that were harvested? Constable Croteau responded if there are around 96 oysters per peck going by what the general public says they collected in half a peck, this would make approximately 328,181 oysters collected from Barnstable Harbor. Patricia suggested that maybe next year they do a sampling with volunteers when people harvest their oysters to get a more accurate approximate number of oysters being harvested.

Paul Hendricks has applied to take Tyler Hagenstein's seat as wild harvester on the Shellfish Committee. He will go for his first reading on April 22 and second reading on May 4 in front of town council. If everything goes favorably, Mr. Hendricks will receive a letter May 5 and could have a new seat on the committee for the May meeting.

Meeting via zoom is possible through March of 2025 if the Committee desires to do so. There was a unanimous vote from the Committee to continue in person with the potential of doing zoom during winter months.

4. New Business: None

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

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: JMS Holdings LLC

Project Location: 134 South Bay Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 93 parcel 64)

Representative: Arlene M. Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc.

Proposed Project: Modification of existing pier by converting from post supports to pile supports with no change in footprint (conversion of seasonal part of pier to permanent)

Conservation Hearing Date: April 11, 2023 at 6:30PM Barnstable Town Hall, Hearing Room- 2nd floor, 367 Main Street, Hyannis

Arlene Wilson represented this project. There is already a hybrid pier in place, 80' permanent and the rest is seasonal. They would like to replace the existing pier with a standard permanent pier design. There will be no change in footprint of the pier or size of the float with the exception of the float and ramp will come out in winter, compared to now where the float stays in most of the year. The current survey has a lot of quahogs, which is very similar to the survey from 1997 making them believe the pier does not have a lot of impact on shellfish inhabitants. This went before the Conservation Commission and will be continued to the 25th, the shellfish study was not done just yet. The Committee has no objections.

2. Applicant: Susan Moore

Project Location: 710 Seaview Ave, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 114 parcel 013)
Representative: Charles Rowland, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting Inc
Proposed Project: To modify and expand existing pier, ramp, and float
Conservation Hearing Date: April 25, 2023 at 6:30PM Barnstable Town Hall, Hearing Room- 2nd floor, 367 Main Street, Hyannis

As no representative was present, Constable Croteau presented this. They are looking to extend the pier 8' and make it permanent instead of seasonal. Dave Ryan's survey found some quahogs and soft shell clams. The shellfish survey has not been done yet but will get sent to the committee once it is done. This goes before the Conservation Committee on April 25. The Committee has no objections.

7. Old Business:

1. Status of the repair of Scudder Lane Town Landing

There are no updates at this time as no meeting has been scheduled yet.

1. Corporate Leasing of Aquaculture Licenses- originally brought to Committee by Al Surprenant
continued discussion

The legal department looked into document guides on how parliament procedures are handled, and aquaculturists cannot participate in drafting regulations that will directly affect them. This means a subcommittee cannot be formed by anyone who has a grant or is on the waiting list for a grant. Anyone on the committee who could potentially benefit is not allowed to discuss during meetings because it's a conflict of interest. Because they are regulatory changes the proposals need to be staff driven by the Natural Resource department and then reviewed by the committee and public. Regulation changes will be drafted up, then voted on and brought to public hearing. Stuart suggests anyone draft suggestions for the Natural Resource department, who will then bring those suggestions to the Shellfish Committee. This will continue on the agenda for next month, staying within the committee with no subcommittee and any recusals necessary being taken at that time.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Patricia and seconded by Al at 7:48 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA administrative assistant