



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: March 13, 2024
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM**

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Al Surprenant, Patricia Farinha, Gloriann Hurwitz, Paul Hendricks, Bill Cherepon, Douglas Crook, Jacob Angelo

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster

General Public present: Jared Hemmila, Mark Begley, Aaron Hemmila

Town Council Liaison absent: Gordon Starr

Town Staff present: Chris Nappi, Senior Natural Resource Officer; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, as March 13, 2024 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 the Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel 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: January 10, 2024 minutes

Bill moved to approve the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes and Paul 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

Senior Natural Resource Officer Nappi stated that since the last meeting, Mills River has opened on February 15th. Popponeset/Shoestring Bay is set to close April 1st, as well as Scudder Lane for its

yearly closure for propagation. Oyster harvesting has closed on the North Side as of February 14th, but a full peck of Oysters can still be harvested at Bridge Street until it closes on April 1st. Barnstable is going to be a host site for the MIT Sea Grant aquaculture internship where there will be 1 week training in April, then 3-week trial rotations.

2. Monthly Propagation Report

Gear is already being brought out in preparation for the Spring. Two hundred forty-six (246) nets for quahogs are being managed. Oysters are being moved from bags to trays on the North side. The remote set looks to be in excellent condition and ready to be planted in the next month. Only a few minor repairs need to be made to the quahog nets.

3. Year-to-date Permit Numbers

Permit Type	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Resident	789	558
Non-Resident	257	160
Resident Senior	616	392
NR Veteran	23	20
NR Veteran Senior	55	41
YTD Totals:	1,740	1,171
YTD Income:	\$75,837*	\$58,690

*Some permits were purchased at a prorated amount

4. Dry Dragging Update – Seapuit River 3/15/2024

There will be a one-month trial of dry dragging in the Seapuit River from March 15th to April 15th.

4. New Business: None

5. Upcoming (and Old) Renewal & Transfer Hearings:

- Hearing for the renewal of aquaculture licensed site ng048, to Thomas Ryshavy, 24 Aliberti Way, Centerville, MA 02632 for a period of ten years. Public hearing 03/20/2024 at 10:30AM via Zoom.

Mr. Ryshavy has 1.47 acres that he has had since the 90's, primarily growing quahogs and softshell clams on the bottom. Senior NR Officer Nappi stated Mr. Ryshavy is up to date with all his paperwork and there are no issues from the Natural Resource Division. Patricia motioned to recommend the renewal of Mr. Ryshavy's site for 10 years and AI seconded. All present members in favor.

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: Sandcastle Family Holdings, LLC
Project Location: 749 South Main Street, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 185 parcel 012 001)
Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: To replace existing vertical mortared stone seawall with a vinyl bulkhead and to repair and raise existing lawn 18"/-
Conservation Hearing Date: March 5, 2024 3:00PM via Zoom

Sr NRO Nappi presented that the applicant proposes to replace the existing bulkhead from wooden to vinyl, primarily doing work through the uplands. This area is also a prohibited Shellfishing area and there are no concerns from Natural Resource Division. This project already went before the Conservation Committee, so Chairman Rapp proposed moving on to the next item on the agenda.

2. Applicant: Griffin Beaudoin (Town of Barnstable DPW)
Project Location: 40 Hayward Road, Centerville, MA 02632
Representative: Jeramy Packard, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC
Proposed Project: The Town of Barnstable is proposing to bring the entire Hayward Road-McCarthy Landing waterfront facility into regulatory compliance by relocating floats, establishing a reconfiguration zone improving accessibility to the public facility, and performing maintenance to the facility's existing timber pier, aluminum gangways, floats and pilings.
Conservation Hearing Date: 03/12/2024 3:00PM via Zoom

This proposed project is for Hayward landing. The town would like to redo the pier and bulkhead and make updates to the floating dock to put it into compliance. Sr NRO Nappi stated it is in a prohibited area, so there are no concerns from the Natural Resource Division. This also went before the Conservation Committee already and Chairman Rapp proposed moving on to the next item on the agenda.

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business:

1. Status of the repair of Scudder Lane town landing

There are no updates at this time. Mark Begley stated that the town has patched some of the potholes.

2. Proposed aquaculture regulation changes (§407-54, §407-57, §407-59) – Discussion and reference to subcommittee

Chairman Rapp stated that he would like these regulation changes to move to a subcommittee to discuss. DJ made a motion to vote on regulation changes §407-54, §407-57, and §407-59 and AI seconded. Discussion followed. A vote was made with 4 in favor and 3 against. Approval for regulation changes was passed.

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by AI and seconded by Bill at 7:07 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Administrative Assistant