



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATE: October 8, 2025 TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM

Shellfish Committee Members present: Douglas Crook, Patricia Farinha, Bill Cherepon, Paul Hendricks, Jacob Angelo, Robert Lancaster, Timothy Hammel, Gloriann Hurwitz, Jim Weiler

Shellfish Committee Members absent: None

General Public present: Bruce Blackman, Jeff Daluz, Henry Cenzalli, Rachel Lynn, Connor Rogan, Joe Weinberg, Tyler Hagenstein, John Madden, Scott Laurie

Town Council Liaison absent: Gordon Starr

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Shellfish Constable; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Office Manager

Douglas Crook called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, as October 8, 2025 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Chairman Crook 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: September 10, 2025 minutes

Patricia motioned to approve the September 10, 2025 meeting minutes and Bob 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

Constable Croteau stated there is a line of green buoys at Kalmus Beach for the scallop closure. Opening November 1st is North Bay, Seapuit River, Mill Creek, Shoestring Bay, and the Cotuit Town

Dock mooring area, all pending water quality. Scudder is set to open November 5th for opening day for Oysters. The Bay Street and Cotuit Bay relay areas will be closed to Commercial shellfishing until January 1st

2. Monthly Propagation Report

Constable Croteau stated that the weekly limit for oysters will be one peck everywhere in town this year. Everything has been planted on the South Side, and almost all the oysters have been planted on the North Side. Liz will be reporting the annual propagation report next month at the November meeting. It was also questioned again about having Liz report more than once a year at the Shellfish Committee meetings, to which Constable Croteau stated she could probably report twice a year.

4. New Business: None

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

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: Harold C. Coxall, Jr, Trustee

Project Location: 265 Seaview Ave, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 138, parcel 020)

Representative: Charles Rowland, Cape and Islands Engineering, Inc.

Proposed Project: Replace the existing timber access stairs and deck in the same footprint with a drywell. Work is proposed within a coastal bank, coastal beach and land subject to coastal storm flowage.

Conservation Hearing: 10/07/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

This project requires no shellfish survey with all work being done within the footprint. Natural Resource department had no issues.

2. Applicant: Terrie R. Zeikel, Trustee; Terrie Zeikel Trust

Project Location: 129 Main St, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 165, parcel 078)

Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.

Proposed Project: Proposed construction of a vinyl bulkhead along existing boathouse, extend boathouse platform and proposed timber boat dolly ramp

Conservation Hearing: 10/14/2025 3:00PM via Zoom

Mr. O'Dea presented the proposed bulkhead along the base of the boat house. It can't be reached from the land so the Natural Resource Division would just like to know what area will be utilized and when so any stock can be moved from that area beforehand.

3. Applicant: Emily Dawn Kunze, Trustee; Emily Dawn Kunze Revocable Trust

Project Location: 200 North Bay Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 073, parcel 011)

Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.

Proposed Project: To repair or replace permitted bulkhead, replace wood landing and shed, and bank vegetation restoration.

Mr. O'Dea presented the proposed repair of the existing bulkhead. The applicant is proposing keeping the existing bulkhead as is. The only question Constable Croteau had was why the work was being done seaward instead of back on the land. The existing bulkhead is wanted to be kept in its place to avoid any possible siltation issues with taking it out.

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business:

1. Apprentice Program Discussion Continued

There was continued discussion on the Apprentice Program. There were many concerns discussed, which is why Chairman Crook feels the program should be put on hold while the concerns get sorted out. However, even with the hold, he proposed that the current regulations stay the same for the 7 applicants currently going through the apprentice program. Bob motioned to suspend entry into the current apprentice program and Paul seconded. All in favor. Chairman Crook stated they will take a vote on whether the program should remain in affect going forward, and then draft regulation changes on permits getting added if the vote is in favor.

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Bob and seconded by Gloriann at 7:50 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager