



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026 TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

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

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster

General Public present: Henry Cenzalli, Joe Weinberg, Jason French, John Madden, Arlene Wilson, Connor Rogan, Paul, Maddie Duggin, Scott Mullin, Tyler Hagenstein

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 6:00 PM, as April 8, 2026 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:** February 11, 2026 minutes

Paul motioned to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes and Patricia seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving minutes as written.

2. **Chairman's Comments:**

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

1. Growing Area Updates

Constable Croteau stated April 1st closures include the conditional area in shoestring bay and the recreation area at scudder that closes at the end of oyster season and will reopen the first

Wednesday in November. For enforcement purposes, the Natural Resource division will stick with Wednesday for opening oyster season. May 1st closures include the Marstons Mills River, North Bay and the conditionally approved area in the Seapuit River. In Barnstable Harbor is the normal closure, the two prohibited areas, and Mill Creek Hallet's Pond closure. East Bay also closes as of May 1st.

2. Monthly Propagation Report

Constable Croteau stated the Commercial lottery redraw took place and the permits were offered to those who were first and second on the list. Clamming classes for kids will be held June 20th and 21st and learn to shellfish classes will be held June 13th, July 18th, August 2nd, August 15th, August 16th and September 12th.

Razor clam classes are April 19th and May 3rd and are limited to 20 people

The shellfish technicians noted a lot of time has been spent on gear maintenance, teaching after school to 1st graders. Liz has been working on a grant through DMF (Division of Marine Fisheries) to provide gear to individuals who qualify for a free permit with EBT/snap benefits.

Constable Croteau stated they are trying to find a recreational-only area in Hyannis, possible area off Eugenia Fortes beach extended to the jetty off Keyes beach. May 5th Constable Croteau will be doing soundings in Hyannis outer Harbor with Liz and Jay Horn to look for a location to do scallop propagation.

4. New Business:

1. Apprentice Program Moratorium- Vote

There was a vote for the apprentice program, specifically 407.12.c. Tim and Paul abstained from the vote. Jake motioned to remove 407.12.c and include a clause where if any of the seven people currently in the program gives up their license, then the permit shall dissolve instead of being added into the fishery. Glorian seconded, all in favor.

2. Transfer of Commercial Permit – Discussion

Constable Croteau stated that with all of the discussion of the apprentice program moratorium, she's starting to look at transferring commercial permits to a family member. She said she would look into wording from mooring regulations and the Sandy Neck colony to make it match. It would be looked at as the same approach of transferring an aquaculture license is currently done. It was also questioned if a child's name can be put on a lottery from day one like people are able to do with mooring waitlists.

3. Razor Clams in the Closed to Commercial Zone Discussion

Chairman Crook moved this item to the end of the meeting.

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

1. Hearing for the transfer of aquaculture licensed site ng003 from Robert Delaney, 27 Victoria St, Centerville, MA 02632 to Scott Mullin, 90 Alderbrook Lane, West Barnstable, MA 02668 and

issuance of a new aquaculture license to Scott Mulin for a period of 5 years. Public hearing 03/9/2026 9:00AM via Zoom

Transfer ng003 from Robert Delaney to Scott Mullin for period of 5 years. The site was licensed to Scott prior to Robert. The site is 2 acres with no existing natural shellfish population. All indigenous species of shellfish will be cultivated. It is not his sole means of support, and he will hire outside help. Natural Resource had no opposition and gave recommendation because the Shellfish Committee wasn't meeting last month.

2. Hearing for the transfer of aquaculture licensed site ng037 from Kevin Flaherty, 739 Route 149, Marstons Mills, MA 02648 to Timothy Hamel, 65 Cindy Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630 and issuance of a new aquaculture license to Timothy Hamel for a period of 5 years. Public hearing 03/19/2026 9:30AM via Zoom

Ng037 Kevin Flaherty to Tim Hammel. The site is 2.01 acres. Oysters, quahogs, steamers, and possibly other shellfish will be propagated. It is not his sole means of support. Natural Resource had no opposition and gave recommendation to this as well.

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: Griffin Beaudoin, Town of Barnstable Dept of Public Works
Project Location: West and North Bay channels
Representative: James Hill, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC
Proposed Project: Routine maintenance dredging is required to restore safe navigation and access to the West and North Bay channels in Osterville village. The proposed project is anticipated to consist of mechanical dredging of approximately 37,299 cubic yards of sediment. Construction is anticipated to start in October 2026 and be completed prior to January 31, 2027.
Conservation Hearing: 03/03/2026 6:30PM via Zoom (Approved by Conservation Committee)

This project was presented by Paul and Maddie Duggan. It was stated they received order of conditions yesterday for shellfish. The West and North Bay dredging is part of a 10-year permit. Material hauled from south side to cape cod bay and the designated disposal site was from Army Corp.

Prior to starting, the town has a 21-day opportunity for a shellfish survey and can relocate outside of dredge area if they choose. The dredging will start around October 2026 and finish around January 2027.

There was discussion including concern of what will get dumped into the bay, and what is plan b if a red flag comes up? They also answered that it would not be near any propagation areas.

2. Applicant: Stephen M. & Beth F. McParland
Project Location: 150 Carriage Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 71, parcel 15-3)
Representative: Arlene Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc.
Proposed Project: NOTE THIS IS A REMAND NOI- Construction of permanent, pile supported, dinghy dock with end platform and kayak racks.
Conservation Hearing: 03/03/2026 6:30PM via Zoom (Approved by Conservation Committee)

Arlene Wilson presented this project, saying the Conservation Committee saw this project 3 years ago. The Conservation Committee denied it, and it was appealed. It then went back to conservation. Owner will have small sailboat, nothing with motor. A few softshell up in the intertidal zone, but there will be no change where boat will be. This was approved by the Conservation Committee.

3. Applicant: Bayside Property Holdings, LLC and Osterville Property Holdings- One LLC
Project Location: 148 & 186 Windswept Way, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 052, parcels 003 & 002)
Representative: Briony Angus, Tighe & Bond
Proposed Project: Proposed project includes the replacement of approximately 550 feet of failing stone wall with a timber bulkhead and nature-based shoreline stabilization solution. The project will stabilize the shoreline, reduce erosion, and protect coastal natural resources, and includes invasive management, native management, native landscaping, regenerative pruning, meadow restoration, and long-term vegetation management.
Conservation Hearing: 03/17/2026 3:00PM via Zoom (Continued to 3/31)

Mike with Tighe and Bond presented this project. They are proposing removing 350 ft of failing seawall and replacing with timber bulkhead. Work will be done mostly above mean high water line, no populations found within most of sea wall area. A shellfish survey is not required for a bulkhead. Most work will be done from uplands, and Constable Croteau requested being present at the preconstruction meeting. This was continued to the 14th with Conservation.

4. Applicant: Henry Blair
Project Location: 275, 277 & 295 Millway Rd, Barnstable, MA 02630 (map 301, parcels 63_01, 62_02, 65_01)
Representative: Paul Mancuso, BSC Group, Inc.
Proposed Project: Maintenance dredging of Millway Marina
Conservation Hearing: 03/31/2026 6:30PM via Zoom

Charlie with the BSC Group presented, proposing maintenance dredging at Millway. They are proposing by mechanical or hydraulic means, the same as in 2020, with time of year restrictions from DMF. They are just dredging what was previously dredged, as it currently is maintenance.

5. Applicant: Channel Point Rd, LLC
Project Location: 107 Channel Point Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601 (map 326, parcel 078)
Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: Proposed replacement of existing concrete seawall with vinyl bulkhead sheeting with a 20' extension
Conservation Hearing: 04/14/2026 6:30PM via Zoom

This project goes to Conservation with a 20 ft extension, along property line, and is supposed to be done via the wetland. The bulkhead is proposed within existing wall. Natural Resource does not have any issues with how it is proposed.

6. Applicant: Stephen F. Madden
Project Location: 95 Eel River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 116, parcel 121)
Representative: Arlene M. Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc.

Proposed Project: Reconstruct and extend existing permanent pier, replace ramp and float, relocate kayak racks, provide electrical service and water.

Conservation Hearing: 4/21/2026 3:00PM via Zoom

Arlene presented this project. Shellfish studies were done in 2023 and updated in the summer of 2024. In an area where town relays to, this area was mapped very highly for shellfish habitat. Just inside major mooring field. Both currently have docks, new piers go out 100 ft from mean low water, about 53 ft additional mostly in ramp and float. The applicant would like to have a bigger sailboat, would like to have a motor. If permits are approved, then they'd go back to Conservation for their boat. Constable Croteau stated they just received the project and still need to go out to do a survey. Discussion followed with concern of setting a precedent for larger piers. Constable Croteau will try to schedule survey sooner since this project is going before Waterways and Conservation on 4/28. The Shellfish Committee has a possibility for an emergency meeting with commentary before 4/28 as long as it is within Massachusetts open meeting law

Jake motion to recommend no approval, Tim second all in favor.

7. Applicant: Pamela Randon

Project Location: 117 Eel River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 116, parcel 097)

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

Proposed Project: Reconstruct and extend existing permanent pier, replace ramp and float, relocate kayak racks, provide electrical service and water.

Conservation Hearing: 4/21/2026 3:00PM via Zoom

Jake motion to recommend no approval for 117 eel river and Tim seconded. Arlene requested to be copied on letters to Conservation.

7. **Special Presentations:** None

8. **Old Business:** None

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

Razor clams in the Closed to Commercial Zone discussion was held.

There is a recreation area and a non-commercial area. There was discussion of allowing Commercial fisherman to thin out when necessary, before the razor clams time out.

Some are seeing a lot of death of razor clams in the channel, but a lot of death seems to be from the ice not the size of the clams. It could be a benefit to everyone to do it at the right time.

Constable Croteau stated the shellfish staff will be in the harbor most of next week and will go out to assess the areas. This survey will be kept strictly in the Natural Resource department because it is not NOI (Notice of Intent) based. The survey will be sent to committee members after being done.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Tim and seconded by Paul at 8:00 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager