

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: May 21, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Bob Lancaster, Richard Haskell, Gerard Ganey

General Public present:

Bob Lewsen

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 21, 2008 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the April 16th, 2008 meeting of the committee.

Stuart Rapp informed the Shellfish Committee that the Town Manager announced (at the annual State of the Town address) an initial additional funding of \$50,000 dedicated for shellfish propagation / enhancement purposes. Stuart said that the Shellfish Committee will work with Natural Resources to plan the appropriate use of the funds.

Natural Resources Report

Doug Kalweit announced that there is a current balance of \$82,395 in the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Account and that \$53,252 has been expended year to date. Doug said that the Town Manager's additional funding of \$50,000 for shellfish propagation would be kept in a separate account and utilized during fiscal year 2009.

Upcoming Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Area Closures:

2.8 Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay: The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto in Lewis Bay northwest of a line drawn from the southern end of Harbor Bluff in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Glenwood Street in the Town of Yarmouth and southerly of a line drawn from the end of Channel Point Road Way in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Columbus Avenue in the Town of Yarmouth. (DMF/SC:28.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**)

2.9 Lewis Bay: The waters and flats of that portion of Lewis Bay in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line drawn from the Town Way at Harbor Bluff in a southwest direction to the Hyannis Yacht Club Pier and east of a line drawn from the end of the stone jetty at Snow's Creek to the "No Shellfishing" sign on the opposite shore. (DMF/SC:28.8; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**)

Shellfish Propagation

The Shellfish Committee and Natural Resources staff discussed the potential use of the Town Manager's infusion of \$50,000 for shellfish propagation endeavors. Tom Marcotti described a

possible scenario of obtaining a custom spawn of quahogs, native to the Three Bays estuary, and having a private supplier culture the quahogs in the Three Bays to field plant size for field plant in suitable habitats located in the Three Bays. Tom Marcotti explained that the expanded use of relay areas to receive allotments of contaminated larger size quahogs requires further consideration by the committee and shellfishers regarding the timing of closures and openings.

Tom updated the Shellfish Committee with the current status of the In-Town and Out-of-Town Contaminated shellfish relays currently in progress until June 15th, 2008. Tom announced the four relay areas being used this spring (the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC:27.22), the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22), the Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC23.20) and the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing and Relay Area DMF/CCB31.20)) are permitted to be planted by June 15, 2008 and will reopen during the Fall of 2008, pending DMF approval.

Cape Cod Oyster Company delivered a gift of 20,000 oyster seed to the Town during early May. The 20,000 field plantable oyster seed were received and planted at various locations in West Bay, North Bay and the Marstons Mills River by NR staff with the assistance of members of the Barnstable Association for Recreational Shellfishing (BARS) and interns from Cape Cod Academy.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the following proposed pier application:

Applicant: Longfields LLC

Application: Construct and maintain bank-access stairs, walkway, and pier with platform.

Location: 288 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit, MA. (as shown on Assessors Map 005-001)

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Relevant to the discussion of Longfields LLC's proposed pier application, the Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion to draft and send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating that the Shellfish Committee opposes the permitting of any pier in any areas rated 9 by the Natural Resources Sub-Committee to the year 2000 Pier Committee.

Shellfish Aquaculture License Site Transfer

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and unanimously passed a motion to recommend to the Town Manager the approval of the shellfish aquaculture license site transfer of Jan Maki's site to Mr. Jonathan Martin, and Mr. Jonathan Martin's shellfish aquaculture license application. Ms. Jan Maki's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1 site ng015; two (2) acres). A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.