

## Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** June 18, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** MEAD Building

**Shellfish Committee Members present:**

Stuart Rapp, Matt Ostrowski, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell, David Pratt

**General Public present:**

**NR Staff present:**

Tom Marcotti

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**Chairman's Report:**

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 18th, 2008 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. The Shellfish Committee continued the vote to adopt the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting of the committee to a future meeting.

Stuart Rapp and Andre Sampou are assigned to the newly formed Coastal Resources Management Committee. They attended their second meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Meetings are held every other Tuesday currently at the Steamship Authority's building. This committee has been formed to address the mandates of the Shellfish Overlay District. The meetings are open to the public.

Stuart Rapp introduced and welcomed new Shellfish Committee member, Mr. David Pratt.

Stuart Rapp informed the committee of an e-mail he received from a concerned citizen explaining that the Conservation Commission has recently approved a boardwalk at the Audubon property in Barnstable Harbor, and that this decision has set a precedence for the proliferation of coastal development in Barnstable Harbor which is designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Stuart Informed the committee that he sent a letter to the Conservation Commission requesting that the Shellfish Committee be notified of coastal development proposals (i.e., N.O.I.'s, etc.). Stuart said he received a response from Conservation Committee member Dennis Gould and will formulate the Shellfish Committee's response to Mr. Gould and the Conservation Commission.

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**Shellfish Propagation**

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that 1301 bushels of contaminated quahogs were recently relayed to the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC:27.22), the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22) and the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing and Relay Area (DMF/CCB31.20). The contaminated quahogs relayed to these areas were harvested from certified areas of Mount Hope Bay. In addition, contaminated quahogs were recently relayed by local contractors from the Centerville River and Bumps River to the Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC23.20). Tom announced the four relay areas being used this year were permitted to be planted by June 15, 2008 and will reopen during the Fall of 2008, pending DMF approval.

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.

Natural Resources planned participating in the DMF contaminated quahog relay program during the Fall of 2008. Certified contaminated quahogs would be harvested from certified areas of Mount Hope Bay and relayed to Town of Barnstable shellfish relay areas for a period of natural depuration before direct harvesting by the public was allowed. Tom Marcotti explained some of the aspects of the DMF contaminated quahog relay program, and proposed the use of the Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC21.20) and a portion of the Cordwood Lane Relay Area (DMF/SC21.21) (both areas located in Cotuit Bay) for the Fall 2008 relays.

The Town will receive a total of 350 shellbags of remote set oysters from Aquacultural Research Corporation and 1,000,000 quahog seed (1-2 mm size) courtesy of the Division of Marine Fisheries , Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Service and the Southeast Massachusetts Aquaculture Center's efforts to support public shellfish propagation / enhancement projects in Barnstable County.

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### **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)

**SE3-4739**

Andrew Sampou informed the committee that he and Girard Ganey attended the hearing for the Longfields LLC application. 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 (at their May 2008 meeting) 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.

Andre noted to the committee that there are more and more "seasonal" piers being approved by the Conservation Commission in high value shellfish areas and that shellfish habitat is compromised in these areas.

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### **Ways to Water**

Andre Sampou updated the committee about ways to water. The Clausson way to water at Cotuit Bay is still in litigation with the Town. The town is working to clarify types of ways to water (as not all designated ways to water are public) for a comprehensive publication.

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### **Shellfish Aquaculture License Site Transfer**

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license site transfer of Robert Moniz's site to Ms. Marykate Moniz, Mr. R. Moniz's letter to the Town Manager requesting a transfer of his site and Ms. M. Moniz's shellfish aquaculture license application. Mr. Robert Moniz's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng006; 1.95 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Monday, July 7th, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee discussed the debatable aspects of the transfer option vs. the waiting list option of acquiring a shellfish aquaculture license and site. The Shellfish Committee approved a motion that the committee send a letter to the Town Manager indicating that the Shellfish Committee does not recommend that the Town Manager approve the transfer of R. Moniz's shellfish aquaculture site because the current licensee has failed to file a catch report and pay the annual license fee for 2007.