

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: March 21, 2012
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Gerard Ganey, Les Hemmila

General Public present:

Norman White, John Kenney, Brad Vertollo

Town Staff present:

Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the March 21st, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the February 15th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp handed out to committee members copies of a current informational bulletin regarding the Open Meeting Laws of the Commonwealth.

Natural Resources Report

Shellfish Area Closures

- **Shoestring Bay Closure:**

The lower portion of Shoestring Bay shall be closed to all shellfishing as of April 1, 2012 per order of DMF.

The lower portion of Shoestring Bay is defined as: The waters, flats and all tributaries of Shoestring Bay in the Towns of Mashpee and Barnstable, easterly of a line drawn south from the southernmost point of Mashpee Neck to Punkhorn Point; northerly of a line drawn from Punkhorn Point to Ryefield Point and southerly of a line drawn from Simons Narrows Road in the Town of Mashpee to the "Public Way to Water" in the Town of Barnstable. (DMF/SC20.3; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing April 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.**)

- **Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area Seasonal Closure:**

Effective Sunday, April 1, 2012, the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area (as defined) in Barnstable Harbor is closed to the harvest of all shellfish. Opening dates for the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area will be posted annually.

- **DMF Scallop Season Closure:**

The harvest of scallops shall be closed, (prohibited) effective April 1st annually, MGL CH 130 sec. 71. Open season will be posted annually.

- **Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund Status as of March 21, 2012:**

Expenditures (fiscal year 2012 to date): approx. \$48,000

Balance: approx. \$129,000

- The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the NR shellfish propagation plans for 2012. The plans include in-town and out-of-town contaminated quahog relays and quahog and oyster seed propagation. The committee recommended opening certain relay areas for recreational shellfishermen for a time before allowing commercial shellfishing.

New Business

The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to take up an item of "New Business" out of order from the agenda to review the following proposed ramp and float at 183 Bay Street, Osterville, MA.

Applicant: Laura Trust, Trustee, 183 Bay Street Realty Trust
Application: The proposed project (N.O.I.) involves a proposed 15 ft. ramp & 8 ft. X 16 ft. float for an existing dock on the subject property.
Location: 183 Bay Street, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 117, Parcel 152

The applicant's legal and engineering representatives, John Kenney and Brad Vertollo, representing Pesce Engineering & Associates, Inc., attended the meeting to explain the needs of the applicant, details of the proposed project and to answer any questions of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart and the committee thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting.

Shellfish Aquaculture License Application

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture licensed site application of Kathryn McCarthy-Martin be approved by the Town Manager. David Maki proposes to transfer his site (ng014) to the applicant. The applicant's proposed shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (site ng014; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Old Business

The Shellfish Committee discussed the issue of filling vacancies on the Shellfish Committee's membership. Stuart noted that he would look into the definition of membership and the make up of the Shellfish Committee to accommodate a variety of candidates for membership.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the definition of catch reports as submitted to the Town by commercial shellfishermen.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following proposed pier and/or dredging applications (N.O.I.):

Applicant: William Cloutier, the Steamship Authority
Application: The project will lengthen the wooden pier in the fast ferry slip along the coastal bank. The addition of a rear passenger ramp on the existing pier to unload passengers from the second deck of the ferry.
Location: 71 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, Map 326 Parcel 130

Applicant: John W. Juros, A.I.A. Owner's Project Manager, Town of Barnstable, Dept. of Public Works
 800 Pitcher's Way, Hyannis, MA 02601 ph: 1-508-790-6324
Application: To reconstruct and maintain the existing boat ramp in Prince Cove.
Location: 230 Prince Avenue, Marstons Mills, MA, Map 076, Parcel 010

Applicant: John W. Juros, A.I.A. Owner's Project Manager, Town of Barnstable, Dept. of Public Works
 800 Pitcher's Way, Hyannis, MA 02601 ph: 1-508-790-6324
Application: To construct and maintain an existing boat ramp in the Centerville River.
Location: End of Hayward Road, adjacent to #40 Hayward Road, Centerville, MA Map 186, Parcel 056