

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: July 17, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Linda Romano, Robert Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Richard Haskell, Albert Suprenant

General Public present: Kevin Flaherty, Arlene Wilson, Christopher Freeman, Mark Begley, Lenny Clark

Town Staff present: Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the July 17th, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp read a notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING

"Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 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."

Stuart Rapp took a roll call of members present at the meeting.

Stuart Rapp informed the Shellfish Committee that he received an unidentified and undated letter at his office on July 15th. Stuart noted that he would not read the contents of the letter.

Diane Murphy's Mystery Sponge Presentation

Diane Murphy, Fisheries and Aquaculture Specialist from the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension and Woods Hole Sea Grant presented her findings regarding the "mystery sponge" that suddenly appeared in portions of the Cotuit Narrows and lower North Bay during 2011 and suddenly disappeared during 2013. Diane noted how she contacted spongeologists worldwide to assist in trying to identify the specie (*Craniella* sp., *Craniella gravata*) Diane expanded on the findings of numerous researchers over the last century as well as various physiological characteristics of the organism.

Natural Resources Report

The three Clamming Classes for Kids held during late June were a resounding success and well received by the attending public.

Tom Marcotti reported that the growth rated is exceptional in propagated oyster and quahog stocks this season.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that the following number of recreational shellfishing licenses have been sold by the Town as of July 17, 2013:

	2013	2012
Residential Recreational Licenses:	1,973	2,064
Non-Residential Recreational Licenses	123	139
Seasonal Recreational Licenses:	43	38

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following proposed coastal development project proposals:

Applicant: John and Mary Callahan

Location: 222 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit, MA. 02635, Map 5 / Parcel 7

Proposed:

Project: Demolish existing pier; construct new boardwalk, pier, ramp and float.

Public Hearing: Date: July 23, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Arlene Wilson, the applicant's agent from A.M. Wilson Associates, presented details of the (above) proposed project to the committee. The committee unanimously passed a motion to write a letter to the Conservation Commission not to recommend project approval on account of the project area habitat is rated a "9" by the Natural Resources Sub-Committee to the Pier Committee of the year 2000.

Applicant: Robin and Marcia Brown

Project

Location: 250 Smoke Valley Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 97 / Parcel 2

Proposed

Project: Convert existing licensed pier from seasonal to permanent, add jet ski berths, eliminate deck, add new access stairs; reconstruct existing bulkhead and groins, eliminate boardwalk.

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Applicant: Town of Barnstable Dept. of Public Works

Project

Location: East Bay / Long Beach, MA 02632, **Map** 163, 185 / **Parcels** 013 / 036, 037, 038 & 039

Proposed

Project: Project includes maintenance dredging of the existing 6-ft. deep entrance channel and improvement dredging to create a new 4-ft. deep embayment channel within East Bay. A total estimated 9,569 cubic yards of dredge sediment will be removed by hydraulic methods, with entrance channel sediments (sand) being used for nourishment at Long Beach and embayment channel sediments (fine-grained) being beneficially re-used as fill at upland locations.

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Applicant: Robert J. Tarr and Molly U. Tarr, Trustees

Project
Location: 141 Eel River Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 115 / Parcel 8

Proposed
Project: Maintenance dredging for an existing pier in West Bay.

Public Hearing: Date: July 9, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Applicant: Donn and Eileen R. O'Connell, Trs.

Project
Location: 390 North Bay Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 072 / Parcel 001

Proposed
Project: To construct and maintain a boardwalk, pier, ramp and float in Tim's Cove, Cotuit Bay.

Public Hearing: Date: August 6, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

The committee unanimously passed a motion to write a letter to the Conservation Commission not to recommend project approval on account of the project area habitat is rated on or between a "9" or "10" by the Natural Resources Sub-Committee to the Pier Committee of the year 2000.

Old Business

Stuart informed the public that there is currently one vacancy on the Shellfish Committee for a member trained in biology. Kevin Flaherty introduced himself to the committee and offered to be a member on the committee. Stuart Rapp informed Kevin that membership is handled by the Town Appointment Committee.

The Shellfish Committee and general public continued their discussion of introducing a plan to possibly develop more private shellfish aquaculture grants in Barnstable Harbor to accommodate the people on the waiting list.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee that on July 1st, 2013 the Town Manager's office mailed out copies of a letter to all the individuals on the shellfish aquaculture waiting list requesting that each individual respond and state their serious interest in staying on the list and potentially acquiring a shellfish license site. The content of the letter as read by Stuart states:

Dear person on the list;

The Town of Barnstable Shellfish Committee is considering expanding its shellfish grant sites on the North Side in Barnstable Harbor and desires to know if you as a placeholder on the current list for new available shellfish grant sites are still interested in acquiring, operating and maintaining a grant site in the Barnstable Harbor area.

Kindly indicate your level of interest by providing a written response on a copy of this letter then please sign and return the copy of this letter to the above address by July 16, 2013 to be considered.

Doug noted that the Town received back 36 replies by July 16th, 2013. The committee continued their discussion of the concept of the existing "waiting list" for a shellfish aquaculture site as well as revisions to the list protocol. Al Suprenant introduced a suggestion that any available culturing sites perhaps be auctioned off. Stuart informed the Committee that he would inquire of the Town Council if they are interested in the committee's initiative to create more shellfish aquaculture sites in Barnstable Harbor.