

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: June 19, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

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

General Public present:

Town Council Liaison: June Daley,

Town Staff present: Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 19th, 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.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved and adopted the minutes of the May 15th, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee with the correction that Richard Haskell was not in attendance.

Stuart Rapp informed the committee that he will contact Diane Murphy, from the Southeast Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, and arrange for her to present to the Shellfish Committee (at the committee's July 2013 meeting) her findings regarding the "mystery sponge" that appeared in specific areas of Cotuit Bay and North Bay a few years ago.

Stuart informed the Shellfish Committee that Matt Ostrowski has resigned as a member of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart thanked Matt for all his efforts and contributions to the committee over the years. Stuart informed the public that there is currently one vacancy on the Shellfish Committee for a member trained in biology.

Natural Resources Report

The Town of Barnstable Natural Resources Office will be hosting three Clamming Classes for Kids.

SATURDAY JUNE 22ND @ 4:00PM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville
SUNDAY JUNE 23RD @ 5:00PM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH @ 8:00AM at Bridge St. Landing, Osterville

For more information, call Natural Resources during office hours Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 4:15pm at 508-790-6272 or direct your questions via email to amy.raitto@town.barnstable.ma.us

The Natural Resources Office wishes to thank shellfish technician Matthew Loo, and seasonal shellfish assistants Elizabeth Lewis and Steven Ham, for their valuable work in implementing natural resources management and shellfish propagation projects as well as educational programs.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that the following number of recreational shellfishing licenses have been sold by the Town as of June 19, 2013:

	2013	2012
Residential Recreational Licenses:	1,650	1,762
Non-Residential Recreational Licenses	111	128
Seasonal Recreational Licenses:	21	18

Old Business

The Shellfish Committee 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.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed maps created by the G.I.S. Dept. illustrating 2 acre sites at three separate areas in Barnstable Harbor designed for shellfish aquaculture licenses. The committee discussed habitat, topography and dynamics of the harbor pertaining to the siting of grant sites. Various issues regarding the creation, permitting and regulating of such an area were discussed by the committee. Stuart Rapp noted that he would inquire of the Town Council if they would consider the development of more shellfish aquaculture sites in Barnstable Harbor.

Tom Marcotti reviewed the Shellfish Aquaculture Study (circa 1996-1998) and how shellfish aquaculture licensed areas developed particularly in Barnstable Harbor.

Tom Marcotti informed the committee about the Division of Marine Fisheries publication: "Shellfish Planting Guidelines" produced by DMF staff which illustrates state shellfish management, planting definitions, permitting and regulations.

The concept of the existing "waiting list" for a shellfish aquaculture site as well as revisions to the list protocol was discussed. The committee unanimously approved a motion to formulate a letter and request for the Town Manager's Office to send copies of the letter to all the individuals on the waiting list. The letter would request each individual respond and state their serious interest in staying on the list and potentially acquiring a shellfish license site.

Other Business

Al Suprenant and Les Hemmila informed the Shellfish Committee of gas tank thefts from moored boats at Scudder Lane and theft of oysters from private shellfish grants and the Town of Dennis, Ma. on the northside of Dennis Ma. The committee discussed the feasibility / plausibility of installing security cameras at Scudder Lane. Stuart Rapp said he would contact Joe Gibbs of the Harbormaster Division to discuss the situation.

Shellfish Aquaculture License Renewal Application

The Shellfish Committee unanimously passed a motion to review and discuss the shellfish aquaculture license renewal applications of Thomas Wood and Andrew Wood together and unanimously passed a motion recommending that both individual's licenses be renewed by the Town Manager.

Thomas Wood's shellfish aquaculture sites are located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng055; license #10-01, 1.0 acre, and site ng057, license #07-03, 0.75 acre). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Andrew Thomas Wood's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng048; license #07-02, 1.47 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 9:15 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.