

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: May 15, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

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

General Public present: Phillip Boudreau, Lindsey Counsel

Town Council Liaison: June Daley

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 15th, 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 April 17th, 2013 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart informed the public that there are two vacancies on the Shellfish Committee; one for a member trained in biology and the other for a commercial shellfishermen.

Natural Resources Report

- **Effective Saturday, May 18, 2013 The West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area as defined is open** to the **recreational** harvest of all shellfish and seaworms.

The **West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area** is defined as the waters, flats and shoreline within an area beginning from the West Bay Landing at Bridge Street to the Wianno Yacht Club pier to the "NR / No Shellfishing" sign/buoys located offshore. DMF/SC 22.11

- **Effective Saturday, May 18, 2013** the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** only for the recreational harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

Effective Monday, May 20, 2013 the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** for the commercial harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

West Bay Relay Area (DMF / SC 22.21)

The West Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline within an area between the "No Shellfishing" sign / post located on the shore at 116 South Bay Road and the "No Shellfishing" sign / post located at the pier at 58 South Bay Road to the "NR" sign buoys located offshore.

(sign/posts and buoys are deployed when a closure is effective).

- **Effective Saturday, May 18, 2013** the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** only for the recreational harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

Effective Monday, July 15, 2013 the following Shellfish Relay Area is **open** for the commercial harvest of shellfish and seaworms, except as other rules and regulations apply:

Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC27.22)

The Hyannis Harbor Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Hyannis Harbor between the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier and the pier located at 10 Hyannis Avenue, and from the seaward end of the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier to the offshore sign/buoy located seaward of the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue.

(sign/posts and buoys are deployed when a closure is effective).

- **Lewis Bay Shellfishing Closures:**

Portions of Lewis Bay described below shall be closed to shellfishing June 1st through October 31st, all dates inclusive. The areas shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1st and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.

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.**)

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

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

Applicant: Robert Littleton

Application: Reconfigure existing licensed seasonal dock and convert to permanent dock.
Shorten dock to reduce encroachment with new dredged channel in the Centerville River..

Location: 23 Hayward Road, Centerville, MA 02648 Map 141 Parcel 123-001,

Public Hearing: Date: May 14, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Barnstable Town Hall,
367 Main Street, Hyannis MA
Town Council Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Applicant: Homeport Investments II, LLC

Application: To maintain an existing timber bulkhead, ramp floats and pilings

Location: 14 Indian Trail, Osterville, MA 02655

New Business

The Shellfish Committee held a general discussion regarding enhancement of shellfish propagation in the Town's south side estuaries with the Chairman of the Comprehensive Waste Water and Nutrient Management Planning Citizens Advisory Committee Philip M. Boudreau. The discussion focused on the reduction of eutrophication and nutrient loading in the Town's estuaries (i.e. the reduction of nitrogen , phosphorus etc.) utilizing shellfish to attenuate 10% of the total maximum daily load (TMDL, as put forth by the Massachusetts Estuaries Study). Phillip informed the committee that his focus was to start the process of putting together a working group to study the problem and develop logistical plans to address the problem. The committee discussed various aspects and logistics pertaining to the issue including shellfish biology/ecology, nitrogen assimilation, shellfisheries regulations, aquaculture culturing logistics, project location(s), multi-user group conflicts, dredging, economics, etc. The committee focused on the Warren's Cove area of the Marstons Mills River for the nursery aspect of the program. The growout and final harvest area would be located in a DMF approved water body in Cotuit Bay and/or West Bay.

The Shellfish Committee briefly discussed the concept of introducing a plan to possibly develop more private shellfish aquaculture grants in the Town to accommodate the people on the waiting list. Tom Marcotti reviewed the Shellfish Aquaculture Study (circa 1996-1998) and how shellfish aquaculture licensed areas developed particularly in Barnstable Harbor. The Shellfish Committee requested that the Natural Resource Office through the G.I.S. Dept. create maps illustrating 2 acre sites at three separate areas in Barnstable Harbor designed for shellfish aquaculture licenses for the committee's next meeting. The topic was forwarded to the committee's June 2013 meeting for further discussion.