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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: April 15, 2015
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:08 P.M.
LOCATION: Town Hall

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Linda Romano, Kevin Flaherty, Richard Haskell,
Les Hemmila

General Public present: Christopher Freeman, Mark Begley, Lenny Clark, Paul Parsons

Town Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti, Terri McDonald

Stuart Rapp chaired the April 15, 2015 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

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

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."

1.) Meeting minutes:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Les Hemmila and seconded by Richard Haskell to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

2.) Chairman's comments:

None.

3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:

Tom Marcotti reported the following information:

Relaying of contaminated quahog stock is schedule for April 21, 2015. 1,200 Bushels are anticipated to be received at \$18/bushel. It is expected to contain mostly cherrystone and top-neck size quahogs. The stock will be coming from the Taunton River where the contractors drag for the stock. The relay areas of Cordwood Lane and Bluff Point will be receiving this stock and closures are detailed below.

Division of Marine Fisheries and Town of Barnstable Shellfish Relay Area Definitions for 2015 Out - of - Town DMF Contaminated Quahog Relays

Area 1

Close April 21, 2015

Open Fall 2015

Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion) DMF/SC 21.21

The northern portion of the Cordwood Lane Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay located within the area defined by the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the NR "No Shellfishing" sign/buoy located offshore to the green navigational buoy at the southern end of the Cotuit Narrows to the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 765 Old Post Road.

Area 2

Close April 21, 2015

Open Fall 2015

Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC21.20)

The Bluff Point Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay from the pier at 124 Bluff Point Drive to the "No Shellfishing" sign / post located along the shoreline at 28 Bluff Point Drive extending to the "NR" sign / buoys located offshore.

Comments:

Les Hemmila expressed his disapproval of relaying stock from outside of our area into our bays. His concern is invasive species and outside contaminants that he believes could potentially harm our natural stock.

Lenny Clark also expressed concern with spending this amount of money for outside stock. He brought up the idea of contracting out or purchasing/building an escalator dredge to harvest from the Town of Barnstable's contaminated areas to relay our own stock. There was much discussion on this topic.

Centerville River Relay:

Liz Lewis and Amy Croteau will be coordinating relays from Bumps River and Centerville River this May and June.

**May and June 2015 Schedule
Centerville and Bumps River Contaminated Quahog Relay
MEET AT DOWSE'S BEACH PARKING LOT
Boat leaves the parking lot at the times below**

May 7	Thu	7:15am
May 8	Fri	8:00 am
May 11	Mon	10:45 am
May 12	Tue	11:45 am
May 20	Wed	6:30 am
May 21	Thu	7:30 am
May 22	Fri	8:15 am
Jun 4	Thu	6:30 am
Jun 5	Fri	7:00 am
Jun 8	Mon	9:30 am
Jun 9	Tue	10:30 am
Jun 10	Wed	11:30 am

***Please bring your own rake, waders, and water.**

***Plan on being in the field for 3-4 hours.**

**For more information, please contact the Natural Resources Office at
508-790-6272 or E-mail:
Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us**

All dates are contingent upon weather and harvest pressure

Recreation Shellfish Permits sold this year is currently at 924, of which 118 are non-resident and 806 resident. Commercial Shellfish Permits this year is still 47.

The Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund balance is \$117,000 .

4.) Status of pending pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

- a. 145 School Street, Hyannis, Wayne Kirker,
Dockside Marina
No shellfish impact
- b. Barnstable Harbor Cottage Area - Marshside Bass Creek
No survey was performed
No shellfish impact
- c. 153 Freezer Point. Barnstable, Stuart Bornstein
No Shellfishing area
No shellfish impact
- d. 56 Sand Point, North Bay
Revision to existing pier
Meeting was on 4/14/15
No survey performed

5.) Old Business:

None.

6.) New Business:

None.

7.) Miscellaneous:

Next Meeting will be held at the West Barnstable Community Building at 2377 Meetinghouse Way, Route 149.

Requested Agenda items for next meeting:

1. New Grant Area
2. Update on Rues and Regulation status.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Les Hemmila and seconded by Kevin Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri McDonald, Administrative Assistant