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## **Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting**

**DATE: September 16, 2015**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:31 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Stuart Rapp, Kevin Flaherty, Les Hemmila, Andre Sampou, Albert Suprenant, Gerard Ganey, Robert Lancaster

**General Public present:** Christopher Freeman, Mark Begley, Avery Revere - Friends of Barnstable Harbor, Tess Korkuch, Adam Hansen

**Town Council Liaison:** Phil Wallace

**Town Staff present:** Tom Marcotti, Liz Lewis, Terri McDonald

Stuart Rapp chaired the September 16, 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 Kevin Flaherty to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 2015.

**2.) Chairman's comments:**

Stuart Rapp stated that he received an e-mail from Lynne Poyant regarding the Annual Report for the Shellfish Committee is due on the 21st of September. The report must include a mission statement, major accomplishments over the past year, status on performance. The committee discussed items that should and could be included in the report. Stuart Rapp asked the Committee to e-mail the information to him. Photographs that were taken from the site visit were mentioned and Councilman Wallace will forward them on to Stuart Rapp. Councilman Wallace mention the Home Rule Petition should be included as well.

Les Hemmila informed the Councilman that there is going to be a lot of opposition to the Home Rule Petition from the Aquaculture Grant Holders and that this information should be passed on the Council.

### **3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:**

Tom Marcotti reported that NR anticipates closing the area of Calves Pasture Point after the DMF opens it on or about December 15, 2015 to put oyster seed. The seed will be free planted for the winter.

Oyster season will start Wednesday, November 4, 2015. It will not be a banner year as in the last couple of years.

As certified by DMF, the shellfish relay areas listed below will be open to shellfishing as of Wednesday, September 23, 2015

- **Bluff Point Relay Area** (Cotuit Bay) 600 bushels
- **Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion)** DMF/SC 21.21 (Cotuit Bay)

1,200 bushels of quahogs from the Taunton River were planted in these areas 600 bushels each area.

Free planted 160,000 scallops today (September 16, 2015) in the Three Bay area purchased from Taylor Cultured Seafood. The area was scouted prior to planting via divers and wild stock was found in these areas.

Last year we planted in Cotuit Bay and an area in Sepuit River. This year the rest of Sepuit River. Less Hemmila asked why the scallops were not planted closer to shore that was more accessible to shellfishers. Tom Marcotti and Liz Lewis explained that the scallops need deeper water and that the scallops that were planted last year in shallow water were predated by blue crabs, conch and seagulls.

Tom Marcotti reported that there were 2,229 Resident Shellfish Permits sold to date, down by 2 from last year, 217 Non-Resident Shellfish Permits up by 26 from last year and 52 Seasonal Shellfish Permits down by 6 from last year.

### **4.) Status of pending pier applications before the Conservation Committee**

No pier applications.

Beach Nourishment Project collaboration between four property owners on Ocean View Road, Cotuit. Work proposed to be done is above mean high water does not impact shellfish. Project was discussed.

## 5.) Old Business

Further discussion regarding an escalator dredge.  
Tabled until next meeting.

## 6.) New Business

- Discussion of “out of town” shellfish license holder parking.  
Tabled to next meeting.
- Discussion and vote on the transfer of shellfish aquaculture license number 96-14 from Tess Korkuch to Kevin Flaherty.

Tess Korkuch stated that she and her husband have been working the grant site for 15 years. Her husband died last year, she has been trying to work it but is unable to continue, she believes that Kevin Flaherty would be a good steward.

Stuart Rapp asked Kevin Flaherty what his intentions were for the grant. Kevin stated that he is planning on 3/4 acre for oysters and 1 1/4 for steamer nets. He currently has 1 acre site on the south side, this site is on the north side.

Kevin Flaherty then recused himself from the meeting. Tom Marcotti was questioned on the productivity of Kevin Flaherty's current grant site; the response was there are no problems.

The committee unanimously approved a motion made by Al Surprenant and seconded by Gerard Ganey to recommend approval of the transfer.

## 7.) Miscellaneous:

A letter was handed out to the board as requested explaining Natural Resources rationale for limiting the acreage to 2 acre parcels per entity. (Attached)

Les Hemmila requested an update on the status of the proposed aquaculture regulations.

Phil Wallace gave the following updates:

- Sandy Neck is open to Trail 6.
- The conservation restriction for the 14.1 Acres on Sandy Neck was submitted to the Nature Conservancy and was refused so Town Council is looking into other options.
- Town Manager is not seeking reappointment of his contract and his last day will be June 30, 2016.
- The proposed aquaculture regulation changes are still under advisement of the Town Manager.

Avery Revere, President of Friends of Barnstable Harbor spoke regarding talks that Friends of Barnstable Harbor has had with the Town. One topic that has come up is proposing to the Town to reserve some spots at Barnstable Harbor for commercial shellfishermen. She would like to get some feedback from commercial shellfishermen regarding their needs and ideas to make that area more shellfishermen friendly.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Kevin Flaherty and seconded by Al Suprenant to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on October 21, 2015 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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September 11, 2015

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Shellfish Committee

As requested:

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT (approved by the Shellfish Committee January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014) AS REVISED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE:**

A new license shall be issued for a period not to exceed five years, and for a maximum total area not to exceed two (2) acres. The licensee may apply for the renewal of the license within two years prior to the expiration date of the license. The Town Manager shall review the licensee's request for renewal within 60 days after receipt of the renewal request. Subject to the discretion of the Town Manager the license holder shall have the option of a renewal period of up to 10 years.

***Natural Resources Revision Rationale:***

*Two (2) acre parcels address the fair distribution of a limited number of existing sites to persons on the waiting list.*

Sincerely,

Douglas Kalweit, Supervisor  
Natural Resources