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

**DATE: March 16, 2016**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:35 P.M.**

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

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Linda Romano, Richard Haskell, Andre Sampou, Ron Glanz, William Shumway

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Gerard Ganey, Albert Surprenant, Robert Lancaster

**General Public present:** Douglas Crook Sr, Douglas Crook Jr, Kevin Flaherty, Wayne Hayes, Douglas Hayes, Gordon Starr, Arlene Wilson, Christopher Freeman

**Town Council Liaison present:** Phil Wallace

**Town Staff present:** Tom Marcotti, Amy Croteau, Liz Lewis and Pam Swider-Cohen

Stuart Rapp chaired the March 16, 2016 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:**

Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2016 have already been approved, but the February 17, 2016 was not available for review and will be placed on the April 20, 2016 agenda.

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

Stuart Rapp welcomed the two new committee members, William Shumway and Ron Glantz.

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

Tom Marcotti informed the Committee that on April 1, 2016 Scudder Lane, the recreational area will be closed to shellfishing. We will be propagating there. Shoestring Bay closes April 1, 2016 from Ryefield up that is due to water quality. Shoestring Bay gets polluted and we are directed by Department of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to close the area.

Contaminated quahogs relays will be loaded to two areas – **Bluff Point Relay Area DMF/SC21.20** and **Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion) DMF/SC21.21** which will close on April 11, 2016. Approximately 450 bushels of contaminated quahogs will be placed. The two relay areas will expect to be opened in late September. They will be opened to both recreational shellfishing as well as commercial shellfishing. We are currently water quality testing with the state and busy propagating.

Rapp asked how many shellfish licenses have you sold to date?

Swider-Cohen state: 502 Residential; 61 Non-resident Shellfish Licenses have been sold to the best of her knowledge since March 1st.

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

**100 Cross Street, Cotuit;** Arlene Wilson of A M Wilson Associates, Marstons Mills, we are representing owners Eric Slifka and Dennis Ausiello. This project is to maintain the existing seawall and reconstruct and maintain the existing stone groins, and to nourish the beach.

**No vote taken/informative only**

**81 & 86 Sand Point Road, Osterville:** Rebuild groins, 4 timber and 4 stone groins  
Project done with minimal impact; hearing was yesterday. Keep gear up high, land in same spot via water if that is how it is accessed.

**No vote taken**

**91 Point Isabella Road, Cotuit:** Looking to make a new ramp, minor additional alterations  
Hearing April 5<sup>th</sup>

**No vote taken**

**25 Ladd Road, Centerville River:** No concerns does not effect shellfishing

#### **5.) Old Business**

None

#### **6.) New Business**

A. Discussion and vote on requested transfer of Aquaculture Licenes:

- i. **Wayne Hayes to Michael Davis ng 043 License #96-10:** Discussion had & Motion made by Glanz, seconded by Romano and committee voted unanimously to recommend this transfer.
- ii. **Robert French to Wayne Hayes ng 009 License #96-07:** Discussion had & Motion made by Glanz, seconded and committee voted unanimously to recommend this transfer.
- iii. **Cynthia Summers to Douglas Crook, Jr. ng 039 License #99-27:** Discussion had & Motion made by Glanz, seconded and committee voted unanimously to recommend this transfer.

B. Presentation by Sia Karplas and discussion of the North Bay Oyster Propagation Project.

We are looking at non traditional solutions for water quality improvements. Shellfish eat the phytoplankton. So, we want to grow half a million oysters, starting from 9 mm put them out in 4 mm bags, let them grow out three to four weeks then move them into 9 mm bags and with the Town staff move them to best determined spots for bottom growing. Recreational shellfishers will be able to harvest the oysters. Three Bays is paying for this project, labor and seed included while working under the direct supervision of the Town and its propagation license. Discussion

followed and questions were asked and answered. Ultimately, this project will quantify the water improvement of oysters cleaning the waters.

C. Nantucket Sound Fish application for fish weir. Shellfish: No issue, more of a navigational issue for the Waterways Committee. No vote taken

**7.) Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair**

None

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Romano and seconded by Sampou to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on April 20, 2016, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Swider-Cohen, Administrative Assistant