

**Town of Barnstable
Shellfish Committee**
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Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: June 10, 2020

TIME: 6:30 P.M. to 7:22 P.M.

**This meeting was
Physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.**

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Patricia Farinha, Tyler Hagenstein, Al Suprenant, and Bill Shumway

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster

General Public present: Nate Jones, Coastal Engineering

Town Council Liaison not present: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Derek Lawson, MEA Director, Nina Coleman, Natural Resource Supervisor, Tom Marcotti, Shellfish Biologist, Amy Croteau, Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable and Terri McDonald, Clerk of the Board

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 10, 2020 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 Paul Caruso and seconded by William Shumway to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2020 as presented.

2. Chairman's Comments: None

3. Natural Resources Report:

Amy Croteau discussed the process we have been making regarding online licenses. Nina explained how well it has been going for most customers. We are gaining a lot of information. Shellfish Permits are now being processed through our new system online and people have been renewing on line and through mail.

Amy Croteau further presented the most recent annual seasonal State mandated closures as of June 1st which includes parts of Lewis Bay and Harbor Bluff in Hyannis. The next round of annual seasonal State mandated closures do not occur until September 15th.

Center River Relay 2020

Commercial Harvesters Only; all dates and times meet at Hayward Landing and do not start or leave the landing until MEA staff is on site. The days and times are as follows: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30am, June 24, 7:00am and Thursday, June 25 at 8:00am.

COVID Safety Protocol For Centerville River Relays

The safety of MEA and Contractors is paramount during the Centerville River Relay harvest days. In order to ensure the safety of all parties involved, the following directives must be adhered to:

1. There will be no more than 2 Contractors per boat
2. Social distancing of 6' between Contractors applies during quahog harvest
3. Social distancing of 6' between Contractors and MEA staff during transfer of quahogs for relay
4. At any time if 6' social distancing cannot be accomplished, Contractors and MEA staff will wear protective face coverings and gloves
5. Contractors and MEA will wear protective face coverings and gloves when signing daily paperwork for confirmed orange tote baskets of quahogs harvested

If these COVID safety protocols are not followed, Marine & Environmental Affairs Department Staff reserves the right to turn away a Contractor. By signing the AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND TOWN FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, you agree to follow this COVID safety protocol.

There are a few Commercial Shellfishers that have showed interest in participating with the Relay but we will see. Diving the area will occur on the June 17th to evaluate the area. Jacob Angelo expressed interest in joining the Natural Resource Staff in the dive evaluation.

Added signage has been added to inform public of legal shellfish days.

Shell recycling bins have been removed from landings except for Scudder Lane. They have become a dumping ground for people's trash.

4. New Business:

A. Waterways Access.

This item was discussed specifically for the north side. Tyler Hagenstein ran into issue with when removing product and adhering to vibrio regulations. He had to wait for three vehicles to exit the ramp and some were non-resident. He would like to see a space designated for aquaculture and commercial shellfishers. Approving new grants will only complicate space that exists. Amy Croteau suggested that this item tabled until next meeting when Kris Clark is present as she has personal knowledge of this issue and the area.

B. Opportunity for commercial soft shell clamming in Barnstable Harbor on Wednesdays via Town Manager Emergency Order

Tom Marcotti presented on this item to allow Commercial Shellfishers to harvest in Barnstable Harbor on Wednesday due to the volume of steamers in this area currently.

The requested time period is June 24, 2020 through August 24, 2020 for Town Manager's Emergency Order.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Al Suprenant and seconded by Patricia Farina to request a Town Manager Emergency Order to allow Commercial Shellfishers to harvest in Barnstable Harbor on Wednesdays.

5. Status of pending NOI pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

- A. Applicant: David R. and Anne E. Gergen
Project Location: 203 & 210 Scudder's Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630
Representative: Nathan D. Jones, Coastal Engineering Co., Inc.
Proposed Project: Proposed shorefront protection
Conservation Hearing Date: 05/26/2020 6:30PM James H Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room
- B. Applicant: Sheila McCullough
Project Location: 205 & 210 Scudder's Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630
Representative: Nathan D. Jones, Coastal Engineering Co., Inc.
Proposed Project: Proposed shorefront protection
Conservation Hearing Date: 05/26/2020 6:30PM James H Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room
- C. Applicant: Robert P. and Susan G. Schechter, Trustees
Project Location: 211 & 210 Scudder's Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630
Representative: Nathan D. Jones, Coastal Engineering Co., Inc.
Proposed Project: Proposed shorefront protection
Conservation Hearing Date: 05/26/2020 6:30PM James H Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room

This project was discussed in great length. Nate Jones presented that these are shorefront protection projects. Machinery will be need along the beach and will need to use landing/parking area for machinery during construction. Discussion was made when the best time frame will be to complete this project. Between April 1st and November 1st was encouraged.

