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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting
DATE: January 8, 2020
TIME: 6:45 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Shellfish Committee Members present: Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Patricia Farinha and Bill Shumway

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Robert Lancaster, Al Surprenant

General Public present: Tyler Hagenstein, Dave Aittaniemi, Clifton Whaley, Ryan Aittaniemi, Hanna Raddatz, Thomas Ryshavy, Jason French, Ken Aittaniemi, John Nawoichik, Darron Kriegel, Aaron Hemmila, Diane Murphy, Joe Weinberg, Josh Reitsmar, Trey Ruthven, John O'Dea, DS MacKwnon, Seth Wilkenson

Town Council Liaison present: Chris Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Tom Marcotti, Shellfish Biologist and Terri McDonald, Clerk of the Board

Stuart Rapp chaired the January 8, 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."

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by William Shumway and seconded by Paul Caruso to take NOI pier application of Wayne Kurker out of order.

1. **Meeting Minutes:**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by William Shumway and seconded by Paul Caruso to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2019 as presented.

2. **Chairman's Comments:** None

3. **Natural Resources Report:**

Tom Marcotti presented an update on the shellfish activities:

Water quality for Scorton Creek in Barnstable Harbor did not pass to open DMF/CCB34.1 and East Bay was not suitable for opening. Additional testing will be performed in the future.

Amy Croteau reported winter gear inspections for aquaculture grant holders is ongoing. We are continuing to have issues of over limits and over taking of seed for oysters at all landings, enforcement is ever present. The Marina and Mooring Appraisals have been completed for DMF. This topic will require further in depth discussion in the coming months. Mike Hickey, DMF head of Shellfish Division is retiring on Friday, there is no replacement yet. Grant boundaries issues are still on going, addressing now with the Town and State. 2020 Shellfish Permits are in, volunteers have until January 31, 2020 to reserve their low numbers which will be available to the general public on February 14, 2020. There have been a few tribal interactions this winter at Scudder Lane. Natural Resources is working with DMF and State EPOs to address these issues.

A. Notification of Shellfish Aquaculture Licensed Sites Transfer Applications:

Applicant: Paul Hamblin
Application: Transfer of shellfish aquaculture site (ng024, 2 acres) licensed to Christina Laurie (lic. #10-04) to Paul Hamblin, and issuance of a new license to Paul Hamblin for 5 years
Location: ng024: A designated portion (2 acres) of intertidal flat in the mid-Barnstable Harbor north of Huckins Island as recorded on a map at the G.I.S. Unit

Applicant: Christina Laurie
Application: Transfer of shellfish aquaculture site (ng016, 2 acres) licensed to Paul Hamblin (lic.# 14-07) to Christina Laurie, and issuance of a new license to Christina Laurie for 5 years
Location: ng016: A designated portion (2 acres) of intertidal flat in the mid-Barnstable Harbor north of Sand Island as recorded on a map at the G.I.S. Unit

Applicant: Les Hemmila
Application: Transfer of shellfish aquaculture site (ng056) licensed to Les Hemmila (lic.# 95-1) to Aaron Hemmila
Application: Transfer of shellfish aquaculture site (ng056, 1.97 acres) licensed to Les Hemmila (lic.# 95-1) to Aaron Hemmila, and issuance of a new license to Aaron Hemmila for 5 years
Location: ng056: A designated portion (1.97 acres) of intertidal flat in Barnstable Harbor at the end of Bone Hill Road as recorded on a map at the G.I.S. Unit

The Town Manager, Natural Resources and Shellfish Committee had no concerns with these three transfers. No vote taken.

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

Applicant: Robert J & Rita M Davis
Project Location: 986 Seaview Ave
Osterville, MA 02655
Map 091 & parcel 002
Proposed Project: Site plan proposed timber bulkhead repair/replacement

John Day from Sullivan Engineering presented on this NOI. He stated that the replacement will be in the existing footprint, and will occur up on the beach parallel to shore and will be accessed by land. Tom Marcotti will walk the area with John. Tom Marcotti feels that there is minimum to no impact to shellfish. Conservation Commission has already approved the NOI. No vote taken.

Applicant: Wayne Kurker, Dockside Marina LLC
Project Location: 0 School St, Hyannis, MA 02601
Map 326 & parcel 121/001
Proposed Project: Reface bulkhead and complete all previously approved improvements and repairs

This is located in a permanently closed shellfish area. The Committee has no concerns. No vote taken.

Applicant: Crosby Yacht Yard, Inc.
Project Location: 41 Cockachoiset Lane, Osterville, MA 02655
Map 116 & parcel 009
Proposed Project: To complete work begun under SE3-4853 for the removal of fire damaged wharf and pier, existing marine railway, and all appurtenances, construction of timber pier deck, planting bed, solid filled bulkhead / fork lift launching pad, boardwalk, and maintenance dredging, and proposed widening of approved boat launching access boardwalk from 2' to 4'

John O'Day from Sullivan Engineering addressed the Committee regarding this NOI. This is an area that previously burned down. Permit expired and they are restarting the project. No vote taken.

Applicant: James F & Kerri J Pinho
Project Location: 65 Short Beach Road, Centerville, MA 02632
Map 206 & parcel 105
Proposed Project: To do maintenance dredging in a 90' X 90' area around the pier.

John O'Day from Sullivan Engineering addressed the Committee regarding this NOI. This is a maintenance dredge to -4 feet. There is a previous dredge footprint and Conservation Committee has approved this NOI. Original permit goes back to the 1930s. This is a closed area. No vote taken.

Applicant: James Herrington, Halls Creek Preservation Fund Inc.,
Project Location: Multiple locations in Hyannisport
Map & parcel: Various
Proposed Project: To perform dredging, beach nourishment to Squaw Island Barrier Beach and Green Dunes Beach and repairs to jetties.

Hannah Raddatz from BSC Group addressed the Committee regarding this NOI. This project is part of an improvement dredge and the permit is originally from the 1950s. Plover habitat is now established in the original area so the footprint needs to change. There will be a 50 feet wide channel and -4 depth, project to be completed through winter time. The project is approximately 50 feet within viable shellfish area. Additional bulkhead and jetty repairs will be made. No shellfish exists on the spit as it is underlined by peat. Beach Nourishment on Green Dunes that will be delivered by barge. Any nourishment on spit will come from the road. The spoils will be used for the spit and Green Dunes area. The public requested that water quality testing be performed before, during and after the project, it will be brought to the attention of the Board in charge of the project. They are waiting to hear back from Natural Heritage and the Conservation Meeting is soon. After much discussion the Shellfish Committee took no vote.

Applicant: Geoffrey S & Laura A. Rehnert
Project Location: 285 Seapuit Road, Osterville, MA 02655
Map 95 & parcel 7-1
Proposed Project: To modify the existing pier's end platform with a new ramp and float extending 11 feet further into Dam Pond. The piles will be replaced; lighting, water and electrical services will be maintained.

This was heard and approved yesterday by Conservation Commission with a slight modification to their float system. Tom Marcotti viewed the area yesterday and stated that there are no resources in that area. No Vote was taken.

Applicant: John J & Dorothy A Remondi
Project Location: 150 East Bay Road, Osterville, MA 02655
Map 140 & parcel 116
Proposed Project: To allow previously authorized dinghy dock to remain in place year-round.

This was heard and approved yesterday by Conservation Commission. This project is actually in Parker River. No vote taken.

Applicant: D.J. MacKinnon
Project Location: 33 Oyster Place Road, Cotuit, MA 02635
Map 035 & parcel 101
Proposed Project: Pre-NOI for a proposed dock.

John O'Day, Sullivan Engineering presented for this Pre-NOI, pre-design. The property is located next to Cotuit Town Dock. Open to idea of gifting land area to Town for bathrooms or offices, and give dock space to Fire Department. The property was an original Cotuit Oyster Company site. Would like to remove solid area and restore area and put in timber pier. The public had a lot of input into the discussion and comments were made for the need of more dockage to accommodate commercial fishery boats. No vote was taken.

C. Presentation by Jacob Angelo on how to address the invasive sponge growth in North Bay and Prince Cove.

D. Presentation on Thethya spp. (sponge) by Fishery & Aquaculture Specialist Diane Murphy -- Woods Hole Sea Grant.

Presentations were made regarding the sponge in the Three Bays Area. This species of sponge has historically been present in the area dating back to 1878. They can reproduce in different ways, sexually and budding. Budding is when a piece breaks off it can grow new sponge. There is no definite way to remove the sponge.

E. Discussion about dry quahog dredging by Kenny Aittaniemi.

This would allow the ground to be turned over would be beneficial to the industry. Bullrakes are difficult to use, and the older Commercial Shellfishermen would benefit from not needing to harvest by hand. Other Towns in Massachusetts allow the use of this equipment. The other issue is allowing the commercial dredging one mile outside Sandy Neck. More on this topic needs to be discussed with Natural Resources and the Town Council. There will be more discussion on these topics in the future.

5. Old Business: None.

6. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by William Shumway and seconded by Patricia Farina to adjourn.