

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

**DATE: May 13, 2020**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M. to 6:57 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, Robert Lancaster, Al Suprenant, and Bill Shumway

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** None.

**General Public present:** Mark Begley

**Town Council Liaison present:** Kristine Clark

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

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 13, 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 Patricia Farinha and seconded by Paul Caruso to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2020 as presented.

**2. Chairman's Comments:** Stuart Rapp requested that the public be educated on filling their holes after digging for steamers particularly at Handy Point and between Handy Point and Ropes Beach in Cotuit.

**3. Natural Resources Report:**

Amy Croteau presented an update on the shellfish activities:

- NR Staff is only two or three people at any given day, and shellfish enforcement is not their only responsibility. The NR staff does constantly educate the public regarding their clam holes and backfilling.
- As of May 1, 2020 Annual DMF Shellfish Area Closures are as follows and will reopen on November 1, 2020 contingent on water quality data:  
*Marstons Mills River, Pirate's Cove, North Bay, Prince Cove, Barnstable Harbor, Scudder Lane Recreational area, East Bay and Mill Creek in Barnstable Harbor.*
- As of June 1, 2020 Annual DMF Shellfish Area Closures are as follows and will reopen on November 1, 2020 contingent on water quality data:  
*Harbor Bluff and Lewis Bay, Hyannis.*
- Vibrio Season starts May 19 runs through October, 19. Amy will be handing out Books at Blish Point on May 14, 2:30-3:30 NR received a limited number of books and will be reaching out to those that did not pick one up on Friday, May 15, 2020.
- There are numerous Federal Programs that have been established for economic relief for Shellfishers and Aquaculturists . Please contact Devon Harrington via email for information on applying for relief.
- County Dredge is still in Cotuit, recently the pipe has been removed. The dredge is grounded and is waiting for a contractor to come help to remove it. NR is working on this issue with Griffin Beauoff at DPW.
- Centerville River Relays will be done differently due to COVID and social distancing regulations. Relay participation will be restricted to Commercial Shellfishers June 8, June 9 June 10 Jun 23 June 24 June 25 with special conditions 500 bushel quota permit will be extended through the end of August.

Nina Coleman presented on the changes in issuing of Shellfish permits.

- NR pushed forward on a digital shellfish permit system from 2021 to 2020 due to the pandemic. Shellfish renewal invoices were emailed to 2019 Shellfish Permit holders. Permits can be purchased on line after information is either mailed or emailed to MEA. MEA will send a personal link with an invoice that can be paid by credit card, e-check or regular check. Shellfish License is now a piece of paper that can be printed from email or down loaded to your smart phone. There are some wrinkles but we are perfecting the process to be contactless.

Jake Angelo commented on the changes and stated that it is good news for people to be able to purchase their permits on the weekends when the office is typically closed.

Nina also stated that next year commercial licenses will be issue with the new system.

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

*Applicant:* Joseph R. Jenkins, Trustee of South Bluff Realty Trust of 1997  
*Project Location:* 195 Seapuit River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655  
*Representative:* John O’Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.  
*Proposed Project:* Proposed beach nourishment  
*Conservation Hearing Date:* 04/07/2020 4:30PM James H Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room

Beach Nourishment project, NR has no concerns.

*Applicant:* Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works  
*Property Location:* Millway Road  
*Representative:* Christine Player, Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC.  
*Proposed Project:* Maintenance dredging of Barnstable Harbor Outer and Mid-Entrance Channel as well as the Blish Point Boat Ramp Access Channel with beach nourishment /upland beneficial reuse and/or unconfined offshore disposal of sediments at the Cape Cod Bay disposal site (CCBDS).  
*Conservation Hearing Date:* 05/05/2020 3:00PM James H Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room

Maintenance dredging, NR has no concerns.

**5. Old Business: None**

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

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Paul Caruso and seconded by Bill Shumway to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Terri McDonald – Clerk of the Board