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SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: March 10, 2021
TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 8:04 P.M.

This meeting was held via ZOOM
Physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Tyler Hagenstein

Shellfish Committee Members absent: William Shumway, Al Surprenant

General Public present: Connor Sinn, John O’Dea, Matt Spritz, Dustin Anderson, Jack Moran, Ryan Aittaniemi, Dave Aittaniemi, Steven Cohen

Town Council Liaison present: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Terri McDonald, Clerk

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order, as March, 10, 2021 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. 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."

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** February 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Paul Caruso and seconded by Robert Lancaster to approve the February 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

2. **Chairman’s Comments:** Stuart Rapp received an email from the Town Attorney about the request by the Appointment Committee propose changes. Stuart Rapp will meet Kris Clark, Jacob Angelo and any member who wishes to discuss the proposed changes.

3. **Natural Resources Report:**

Officer Amy Croteau announced that Dick Kraus of ARC passed away. A grace period has been extended to Lynn Kraus during this time. Condolences go out to Lynn and her family. This is a huge loss for the Shellfish Community. Dick played an instrumental role in the development of the aquaculture industry both on and off the Cape, he will be missed.

Natural Resources went into the Marstons Mills River to get footage post dragging, but the GoPro did not work. The problem has been fixed and will be attempted again to gain footage for a presentation at next month’s meeting.

2020 Commercial Shellfish Licenses expire March 31, 2020. Deadline to submit all paperwork and payment in full is May 3, 2021 (due to May 1st falling on a Saturday).

**Harvesting during the month of April requires balances to be paid in full and all required documentation submitted by April 1, 2021.

Recreational Shellfish Permits Sold to date:

Permit Type	2020	2021
Resident	254	577
Senior Resident	243	427
Non-Resident	94	144
Seasonal	0	0
NR Veteran	9	11
NR Senior Veteran	29	42
TOTALS	629	1201

Oyster season is still strong and an email was sent out to all previous permit holders notifying that the new shellfish license is available to purchase.

Shoestring Bay will close on April 1st, this is an annual water quality Division of Marine Fisheries closure.

April 1, 2021 brings closures to Shoestring Bay, Scudder Lane Recreational Area, and end Oyster Season at Scudder Lane.

Recreational Area of Scudder Lane will close on April 1, 2021 and will end the oyster season on the north side. There may be an Emergency Town Managers Order allowing Oysters at Bay Street in North Bay to be harvested into mid-April, 2021 to clean out the area. There has been a pathology report from the Division of Marine Fisheries identifying a light infection of SSO, Dermo and MSX in the oysters in North Bay. This would be an additional 13 days of oyster harvesting to remove the remaining stock. A staff meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and will be discussed further at this time.

- Cotuit Civic Association letter regarding Minutes from 11/18/2020 Shellfish Committee Meeting

The letter dated: February 17, 2021 was read in its entirety by Officer Croteau. The Committee discussed that neither Councilor Rapp Grassetti nor Jim Dannhauser (President of the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association) expressed any support for Mr. McKinnon's request for the reconfiguration of a pier on his property in Cotuit. The Committee decided that an amendment to the minutes dated November 18, 2020 was necessary.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Jacob Angelo to delete the posted Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 2020 and replace with amended minutes containing the removal of bullet point on page three "Councilor Rapp Grassetti and the Cotuit Civic Association support this project".

- Significant Shellfish Habitat Ratings (Three Bays and Barnstable Harbor)

2021 marks the 10 year expiration for the Shellfish Area Rating Assignments in Three Bays and Barnstable Harbor. An informal invitation regarding interest in participation was sent out to those recreational and commercial shellfishers who have frequently harvested in Barnstable Harbor and Three Bays. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be please reach out to Officer Croteau. The Shellfish Biologist will be choosing the team.

- Barnstable Harbor Seasonal Closure and Water Quality Sampling

DMF has agreed to increase water quality sampling in a couple of areas starting in 2023 in Barnstable Harbor. 15 clean samples are needed to warrant a classification change by DMF and there are no guarantees they will come up clean. This will take about 8-10 years of sampling to see if the data supports a lesser seasonal closure.

- Seasonal Mooring Area Closures DRAFT Maps

Draft Mooring Area Closure Maps of the Three Bay Area and Barnstable Harbor were presented. These draft shapes have been by the Mooring Officer, Shellfish Biologist, Officer Croteau and the DMF Area Biologist created to maximize the area that can be kept open to due to the changes in the NSSP ordinance. A draft of the Bridge Street Recreational Area shows the recreational area will be closed and possibly relocated to an area on the east of the ramp towards the Wianno Relay Area. This is a great loss, as this area is heavily used by recreational shellfishers. It is an area that requires little walking from a parking area to access shellfish. More on these draft maps will be presented in the near future.

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

Applicant:	Stephen Cohen
Project Location:	209 Bay Street, Osterville, MA 02655
Representative:	John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project:	To construct and maintain a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp and float
Conservation Hearing Date:	03/30/2021 6:30PM via Zoom

This area is rated as a ten out of ten for Shellfish Habitat. After much discussion there was agreement that this project would create a negative impact on shellfish in the area.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Paul Caruso and seconded by Patricia Farinha to have Stuart Rapp compose a letter to the Conservation Commission informing them that the Shellfish Committee does not support this NOI due to the negative impact it will have on this shellfish area.

5. New Business:

- A. Proposed regulation changes pertaining to commercial catch reports: §407-12-D(4) and §407-13-A(3).

This matter was sent to the sub-committee to review and respond with comments. May be brought back to the next meeting for a vote.

- B. Proposed regulation changes pertaining to transfer of recreational permits and recreational permit suspensions: §1-5 and §407-71 for VOTE.

This will be brought back to the next meeting for a vote.

6. Old Business: None, error on Agenda.

7. Special Presentations:

- A. Ecological Improvements- Bioengineered Living Shoreline Technology (Jack Moran / Matt Spritz)

Presentation was well received by the Committee.

- B. Review of Potential Shellfish Habitat Improvement Methods (Sub-Committee: Paul Caruso, Al Suprenant, Jake Angelo)

Paul Caruso presented: the same draft that was shown last month.

These items will be put on the Agenda one a month starting next month and discussed at greater lengths among the committee members. The first item of Boat Issues will be on next month's Agenda for further discussion.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Stuart Rapp brought up the Rating Sub-Committee, and questioned how many wild fishermen are on this Sub-Committee, also he suggest Jake Angelo and Tyler Hagelstein be considered for that Sub-Committee. If there is anyone with local knowledge of the shoreline, Tyler recommended Dave Ryan be asked to be put on this Committee. The original members on this Committee will be reached out to and asked if they wish to continue to be on this Committee. Many are no longer active in the shellfishery. The Shellfish Biologist will be heading this Committee up and choosing the members.

Kris Clark requested that the Shellfish Committee Meeting schedule with the new times be populated for the remainder of the year on the Shellfish Committee's web page.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a Motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Terri McDonald – Clerk of the Board

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