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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: May 18, 2016

TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:25 P.M.

LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Shellfish Committee Members present: Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Richard Haskell, Linda Romano, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Ron Glanz, William Shumway

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Albert Surprenant

General Public present: Kevin Flaherty, Mark Begley, David Ryan, Christopher Freeman, Arlene Wilson

Town Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace

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

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 18, 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:

April meeting minutes were not available for review and will be placed on the June Agenda.

2.) Chairman's comments:

Rapp has no comments except that he spoke with Conservation today and will discuss later.

3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:

Marcotti gave an update on Division of Marine Fisheries annual closure of Lewis Bay, Bluff Point, and Fish Hills closure June 1-November 1 which is in the regulation booklet. The current closures are also available to be viewed on the Town's website for Shellfishing.

Lewis and Amy Croteau will be keeping the tradition going with the 14th annual "Kids Clamming Class". Ten kid rakes have been purchased for the little kids. The AmeriCorps Volunteers will be helping to transfer shellfish to be available for successful "Kids Clamming Classes". Information will be sent out to the volunteers to help teach.

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

Applicants: 103 Main Street, Osterville; Tavilla, Anthony and Josephine

Represented by Arlene Wilson, of A. M. Wilson Associates, Inc. The house is 5-6 house lots west of Bumps River Bridge, along with the barrier beach lot which in 1979 was subdivided to be paired with the house lot. The current request is for a dingy dock on the barrier beach lot. The area is ranked a 6 for shellfishing. Hearing is scheduled for May 31, 2016

After a discussion, the Shellfish Committee voted to endorse the motion made by Ganey and seconded by Sampou to send a letter to Conservation to **not** recommend approval of this application based on the grounds that it will cause degradation to shellfish habitat. (Haskell opposed)

5.) Old Business

Discussion on the issue of lack of reasonable notice regarding the Conservation Commission's Notices of Intent. Rapp spoke to Tom Lee and Chairman Houle earlier in the day who recognized the problem. Wilson commented under local law, Conservation has 21 days from the date of the application to hear the request. The only way to remedy this would be for the regulations to change. She suggests the by-laws to be changed to not allow a vote until they hear the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee and Waterways Committee.

Rapp continued this discussion to the next meeting.

6.) New Business

The Committee previously discussed and now voted unanimously to approve a motion made by Glanz and seconded by Romano to recommend approval of the transfer of Aquaculture License # 99-04 from Jennifer Mullin to Ronald Mansbach; shellfish aquaculture site ng 004, 0.96 acres and issuance of a new license to Ronald Mansbach for 5 years.

Discussion and vote on request for a new aquaculture license filed by Albert H. Surprenant. The requested size is 0.18 acre of sub tidal area located in North Bay associated with the address of 262 Bridge Street, Osterville, MA, 02655, and the intended use of the area is to operate floating upweller system(s) in order to culture shellfish.

Dave Ryan spoke on behalf of Surprenant, who was not present for the meeting. Division of Marine Fisheries is requiring this request.

After a discussion, the Shellfish Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion made by Ganey and seconded by Glanz to send a letter to the Town Manager to recommend approval of this application. Rapp reiterated that we do not approve the license we can only make a recommendation.

7.) Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

Kevin Flaherty brought up a discussion regarding the Scudder Lane Boat Ramp and the rock that is a danger at very low tide to and asked if the Town's Department of Public works could remove it.

Mark Begley asked while we are talking to DPW about Scudder Lane could they also fix the broken guardrail at the top of the parking lot and the tar ramp is washing away.

Flaherty also discussed the make up of the Shellfish Committee members as stated by the Town code. The Shellfish Committee is to include nine members who are geographically diverse and to include three commercial shellfishermen (one of which is to be a grant holder), one professionally trained and two at large members. One member is to act as the liaison to the Town Council.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held at the Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis on June 15, 2016, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Division Assistant