

**Town of Barnstable  
Shellfish Committee**  
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**Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting**  
**DATE: November 20, 2019**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 7:55 P.M.**  
**LOCATION: Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Chairman: Stuart Rapp, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Patricia Farinha and Robert Lancaster, Al Surprenant and Bill Shumway

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** None

**General Public present:** William Korkuch, Richard Haskell, Dave Aittaniemi, Tyler Hagenstein, Tim Hamel, Wayne Kurker and Kris Clark

**Town Council Liaison absent:** None

**Town Staff present:** Liz Lewis – Shellfish Technician, Tom Marcotti – Shellfish Biologist and Lisa Henderson – Clerk of the Board

Stuart Rapp chaired the November 20, 2019 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 Paul Caruso and seconded by Al Suprenant to take NOI pier application of Wayne Kurker out of order.

5. **New Business:**

A. Status of pending NOI pier application before the Conservation Commission:

Applicant: Wayne Kurker / Agent: Braman Surveying & Assoc., LLC  
Project Location: 1 Willow Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
Map 326 / Parcels 115, 116, 142, 142-001, 114, 113, 112, 133-002  
Proposed Project: Proposal to install underground utility conduits in various locations, to reface existing timber bulkhead with vinyl sheeting, to maintain the Federal Channel to depths as permitted and authorized by Army Corps of Engineers, complete previously approved improvements and repairs.  
Public Hearing: November 26, 2019 6:30PM  
Barnstable Town Hall  
367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA  
Selectman's Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Application was discussed, no impact on shellfish, no vote taken.

1. **Meeting Minutes:**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Paul Caruso and seconded by Robert Lancaster to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2019 as presented.

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

3. **Natural Resources Report:**

Tom Marcotti presented an update on the shellfish activities:

Water quality for North Bay and East Bay was not suitable for opening on 11/1 as planned. Additional testing was done in North Bay, allowing it to open on 11/9. Water testing to hopefully open East Bay was done on 11/19, results later this week.

2.6 North Bay: The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of North Bay, northeasterly of a line drawn from Point Isabella to the north tip of Grand Island; north of the Bridge Street Bridge and south of a line drawn across the mouth of the Marstons Mills River (DMF/SC:23.2); classified as conditionally approved; status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.).

Tom Marcotti reported on some statistics from the Natural Resource Department which include 1547 recreational shellfish checks, 25 commercial since November 1<sup>st</sup>. Vibrio season was completed on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There were (3) enforcement issues varying from alleged night shellfishing, excess seed and one ongoing investigation.

Amy Croteau attended a Storm Water Inventory Impacting Shellfish Areas with Don Liptack and Assistant Town Engineer Nathan Collins.

Devon Harrington is working with Elizabeth Ells regarding work she is doing on Martha's Vineyard with permeable barriers around pollution sources to help improve water quality to re-open micro closures. The intent is to see if this is applicable to the new pollution micro-closures in West Bay and Cotuit Bay although unlikely because our issues involve fecal coliform.

Cold stunned turtles have started showing up on our North side beaches. Patrols around high tide for these areas has increased.

Fishing Checks (fresh and salt water): 21

Hunting Checks: 72 (not including Sandy Neck), possible hunting in posted "no trespassing" area (ongoing investigation)

Pheasant Stocked in West Barnstable Conservation Area: 212 (stocking occurs on Saturday mornings and Monday nights).

#### 4. **Old Business:**

A proposal to change the Committees monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of each month was presented. The Shellfish Committee voted unanimously to approve a Motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso, to accept the new 2020 meeting schedule to be held at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

#### 5. **New Business:**

B. Liz Lewis presented an update on the shellfish propagation program:

Plantings of approximately 3 million quahogs, ranging in size from 1mm to 3mm in size, this year were done where there were no piers. We have so many quahogs this year that we do not need to do contaminated relays anymore so it is home grown stock. We are in the top 5 in the State for growing quahogs. There was a small gas spill at Prince Cove this year that contributed to loss of a portion of some stock. We have put down 71 predator exclusion nets on the South Side and 6 on the North Side. We stopped taking stock from the North Side because we are worried about Quahog Parasite XUnknown (QPX). We moved over 1 million quahogs this year beginning in April through mid-October, early November in which some are sampled and counted with distribution throughout the Town.

Three Floating Upweller Systems (FLUPSY) were run at Prince Cove this year. A fourth FLUPSY was custom built by our Structures and Grounds Department for Barnstable Harbor for next year. Four learn to shellfish classes have been held with at least 70 attendees at each class. We are up at least 100 non-resident shellfish permits which we believe is the result from those classes. We have 106 volunteers that helped make these classes successful. We held a volunteer appreciation day November 14th to thank our volunteers for their help in making our shellfish program a success this year.

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

Applicant: David G. Mugar / Agent: Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.  
Project Location: 114 Peppercorn Lane  
Cotuit, MA 02635  
Map 004 / Parcels 009 001  
Proposed Project: Proposal to construct and maintain a boardwalk, pier, ramp and float.  
Public Hearing: November 26, 2019 6:30PM  
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6. **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

Jacob Angelo voiced his concerns about invasive sponge growing in North Bay and Prince Cove that he feels is inhibiting the harvesting as well as growth of the shellfish. He also inquired about dry dredging the area. Chairman Rapp recommended Angelo do a presentation for the Shellfish Committee's next meeting and to inquire with the Conservation Department.

7. **Public Comment: None**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Henderson – Clerk of the Board