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**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**DATE: November 10, 2021**  
**TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 6:51 P.M.**

**This meeting was held via ZOOM**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Tyler Hagenstein, Jacob Angelo, Douglas Crook

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Al Surprenant, Paul Caruso

**General Public present:** Connor Rogan,

**Town Council Liaison present:** Kristine Clark

**Town Staff present:** Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Nina Coleman, Elizabeth Lewis, Shellfish Biologist

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order, as November 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:** October 13, 2021 Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes.
- 2. Chairman's Comments:** None.

### 3. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:

#### Recreational Shellfish Sales:

Permit Type	Nov-20	Nov-21
Resident	1314	1364
Senior Resident	806	1007
Non-Resident	294	369
Seasonal	36	68
NR Veteran	43	36
NR Senior Veteran	61	74
TOTALS	2554	2918

#### A. November openings

Officer Croteau presented the following:

November 1st marks opening of Mill creek, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Oyster season and Hyannis Harbor area and Mooring areas re-opened. November 5, 2021 Shoestring Bay and Popponesset Bay opened. North Bay opened in November 5<sup>th</sup> and there is a new prohibited, area in North Bay. Crosby and Oyster Harbor area have boats that stay in the water, so this area will be SB23.4 permanently close.

Mooring Info has been quite effective in notifying the public or emergency closings. Officer Croteau has received positive feedback.

At the September Shellfish Committee Meeting it was discussed that the Kalmus Beach area be closed to recreational scalloping. This year this area has not been productive. There have been a good amount of scallops in West Bay harvested. Also, there has been a lot of scallop seed at Scudder Lane and many legally harvestable sized Scallops as well.

#### B. Marstons Mills River Quahog Dry Dragging Pilot Year 2 Discussion

Officer Croteau does have some videos of the area. If interested in viewing, she will try to share the video files.

Shellfish Biologist, Liz Lewis presented her discoveries in diving on the dragging area in the Mills area she discovered good bottom. No significant damage was found and can see where the sponge moved. There are still many Chowder sized quahogs in the river. New seed set was discovered some was “Gemma- Gemma” but there was also some spat quahog seed. She would like to see if the seed survives.

Comments:

Hagenstein: Thinks that we should leave it alone.

Lewis: We don't know if that this is how the river works, or if it is the result of the pilot.

Angelo: One drag per boat, two harvesters per boat. Two to three boats per week. This seed recruitment hasn't been seen this way since after scallops dragging when scallops were seeded and many boats were dragging in this area.

Lewis: Would like to rest it for a year and see what it looks like. North Bay has been stocked best the Shellfish Department could do.

Angelo: Would like to dredge an area in North Bay that is similar to the pilot area.

Croteau: Wants to keep the dredging localized in the pilot area and see what the results are first.

Lewis: We set limits before these options were around. We do not want to re-evaluate limits. Worries about going into North Bay before we see what is happening in the river with the pilot.

Croteau: This pilot is to allowed to allow because bottom turnover could be beneficial for seed recruitment, and sand grain turnover, we are going to continue to allow in this pilot area only until we have a grasp on the results.

C. Annual Propagation Report by Liz Lewis, Shellfish Biologist (see attached notes)

4. **New Business:**

A. 2022 Shellfish Committee Meeting Schedule:

- Meetings scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month.
- January - March meetings 6:00pm-8:00pm,
- April - October 6:30-8:30
- November - December 6:00pm – 8:00pm

January 12, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

July 13, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

February 9, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

August 10, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

March 9, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

September 14, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

April 13, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

October 12, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

May 11, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

November 9, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

June 8, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

December 14, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Patricia Farinha and seconded by Robert to approve the above schedule for the 2022 Shellfish Committee Meetings

## 5. Upcoming (and Old) Renewal & Transfer Hearings:

- A. Hearing for transfer of aquaculture license #16-9 (ng044 and ng049) in Barnstable Harbor from Nicholas Laurie to Ronny Mansbach and issuance of a new license to Ronny Mansbach for a period of 5 years. Public hearing to be held via Zoom, 11/3/2021 at 12:00PM.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Tyler Hagenstein and seconded by Jacob Angelo to recommend to approve the for transfer of aquaculture license #16-9 (ng044 and ng049) in Barnstable Harbor from Nicholas Laurie to Ronny Mansbach and issuance of a new license to Ronny Mansbach for a period of 5 years.

## 6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

- A. Applicant: Carla Raffo  
Project Location: 1855 South County Road, Marstons Mills 02648  
Representative: Charles Rowland, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.  
Proposed Project: To construct and maintain a boardwalk, pier, ramp and float.  
Conservation Hearing Date: 11/09/2021 6:30PM via Zoom

Shellfish Committee discussed the project a shellfish survey was completed, it was determined that the area is no a suitable habitat for shellfish and no vote was taken.

- B. Applicant: Laurie J. Hall Trustee/TMT Realty Trust  
Project Location: 979 Sea View Avenue (Map  
Representative: Charlie A. Agro, Coastal Engineering Co., Inc.  
Proposed Project: Construct New Pier, ramp and float docking facility  
Conservation Hearing Date: 11/9/2021\*\*Continued from 10/12/21 (it is likely they will request a continuance due to comments from the Harbormaster and the fact that Waterways has not had a chance to review the revised plans)

The Shellfish Committee discussed the project. Conservation Commission hearing is continued to November 23, 2021. Waterways Committee has not weighed in on the project as to date. The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Tyler Hagenstein and seconded by Patricia Farinha to have the Shellfish Committee send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating, if project is approved and allowed as presented, it has the potential to permanently damage the shellfish habitat in this area.

- C. Applicant: Marc R Landry and Nancy F Allen  
Project Location: 494 Elliott Road, Centerville, MA 02632  
Representative: Arlene Wilson, AM Wilson Associates, Inc.

Proposed Project: Landscape modifications including: removal of dangerous and diseased damaged, trees, replacement of foundation planting, reconstruction of masonry walls modification of deck, installation of fire pit; construction of boardwalk with kayak racks, brush access path replace pool fencing and re-establish view corridors.

Conservation Hearing Date: 11/09/2021 6:30PM via Zoom

No vote was taken, not is a good shellfish habitat

7. Old Business: None.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a Motion made by Patricia Farinha and seconded by Jacob Angelo to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Terri McDonald – Clerk of the Board