

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: August 20, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell, Les Hemmila, Gerard Ganey

General Public present:

Mark Begley

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit

Chairman's Report

Stuart Rapp chaired the August 20th, 2008 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the July 16th, 2008 meeting of the committee.

Stuart Rapp and Andre Sampou are assigned to the newly formed Coastal Resources Management Committee (CRMC). Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 5 P.M. at the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall, Hyannis. This committee has been formed to address the mandates of the Shellfish Overlay District and is currently reviewing the Camp, Dresser and McGee study from 1991. Stuart informed the Shellfish Committee that the scheduled meeting of the CRMC on August 26, 2008 will invite the comment of home owners, contractors, realtors, marinas, etc.. Andre Sampou noted that a future meeting will invite the comment of the shellfishing community. The meetings are open to the public.

Shellfish Propagation

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee of the status of the Shellfish Propagation Fund(s). Natural Resources and the Shellfish Committee are continuing to formulate potential projects and plans for the use of the Town Manager's shellfish propagation "infusion" funds for fiscal year 2009.

Doug informed the committee that Kris Clark and Tom Marcotti have noted that it has been a very good year for quahog and oyster seed growth.

Doug informed the committee that Natural Resources Officer, Keith Williams has resigned from the Natural Resources Office and that interviews are ongoing for a replacement.

General Discussion

Andre Sampou suggested that the Shellfish Committee and the Town consider the cost of the Town's recreational shellfishing license in comparison to other towns and to set the price where deemed appropriate.

Stuart Rapp reminded the committee members that any input to the Shellfish Committee annual report is welcome and can be forwarded to him.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the Town Manager's approved transfer of Robert Moniz's shellfish aquaculture site in Barnstable Harbor to MaryKate Moniz.

Doug Kalweit explained to the Shellfish Committee that swimming beach closures as periodically ordered by the Town's Public Health Department do not effect shellfish harvesting.

Gerard Ganey commented that the Crocker Neck area of Popponeset Bay would make a good shellfish relay area. The Shellfish Committee briefly discussed the issue and topics such as access and parking.