

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: June 20, 2012
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

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

General Public present:

Albert Suprenant, Robyn Peterson, David Ryan, Lenny Clark

Town Council Liaison: June Daley

Town Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 20th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the May 16th, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart and the Shellfish Committee continued their discussion from the previous committee meeting about the deleterious effects of piers, and the use of piers, on the shellfish resources / habitat throughout the Town. The Shellfish Committee discussed the need for pier identification, the consequences to the pier owners for destruction of the resources and/or habitat and enforcement of regulations that protect the resources / habitat.

Stuart informed the committee and the general public that membership positions are available on the Shellfish Committee for the interested public. Stuart reminded Shellfish Committee members to update their membership on the committee.

Natural Resources Report

Tom Marcotti reviewed the In-Town and Out – of Town Contaminated Quahog Relay Projects, northside and southside oyster and quahog seed propagation projects, the remote set oyster project and the status of the quahog resource for recreational harvesters.

Shellfish Aquaculture License Application

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture license application of Robyn Peterson be approved by the Town Manager. Robyn explained her proposal and answered questions of the Shellfish Committee. Donald Crocker proposed to transfer his site (ng032) to the applicant. The applicant's proposed shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (site ng032; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Monday, July 9th, 2012 @ 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish Committee of the following ramp reconstruction project.

Applicant: Roger Parsons, Town of Barnstable
Application: The rehabilitation of the existing municipal boat ramp. The rehabilitation will take place in essentially the same footprint of the existing ramp and will include the removal of the existing pavement, resurfacing with precast concrete slabs and pavement and stabilization measures. In addition, a fence will be installed along the property line to prevent the dingy storage area from expanding.

Location: East Bay Road, Barnstable, MA 02655, Map 163 Parcel 7

The Town is also preliminarily proposing to dredge a navigational channel from the boat ramp to Nantucket Sound.

The Shellfish Committee further discussed the development of a summer shellfishery program, where shellfish would be available for shellfishermen during the summer months. Les Hemmila said there is some interest from the Hyannis community in developing a summer time shellfishery in the outer Hyannis Harbor area. The topic was put on the next agenda of the committee.