

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: July 16, 2014
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present: Les Hemmila, Al Suprenant, Kevin Flaherty, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Linda Romano

General Public present: Chris Freeman, Lenny Clark, Mark Begley

Town Council Liaison: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Les Hemmila chaired the July 16th, 2014 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Les Hemmila took a roll call of members present at the meeting.

Les Hemmila 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 approved a motion and adopted the minutes of the June 18th, 2014 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report

Tom Marcotti and Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee of the status of various Town shellfish propagation projects and informed the committee about the work of Shellfish Technician Elizabeth Lewis and NR staff involving volunteers, (i.e. N.E. Aquarium staff, the BARS members) to culture and free plant quahog seed in southside embayments.

Tom informed the Shellfish Committee of a Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, Southeast Massachusetts Aquaculture Center (Diane Murphy, contact) quahog research project at the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area. The project involves the study of disease resistant quahogs to QPX.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund current balance is \$140,800 (FY15) and that \$25,000 (FY14) has been encumbered for Taylor Cultured Seafood bay scallops. Doug informed the committee that 20% of his salary will come out of the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund instead of the Sandy Neck account.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee about his proposal to install a remote video camera at the Scudder Lane Landing as a tool for surveillance purposes. The Shellfish Committee and Doug discussed the use of surveillance technology for regulatory enforcement and other matters.

Doug informed the committee of the work of shellfish enforcement officer Charles Johnson, and seasonal shellfish assistants / deputy shellfish constables Conor McMorrow and Nicolette Mariano checking shellfishers in the field.

Old Business

A)

The Aquaculture Sub-Committee is in the process of formulating proposed amendments to the Town of Barnstable Aquaculture License Regulations (Article IX) for submittal to Shellfish Committee for review. Les Hemmila informed the Shellfish Committee of the sub-committee's progress.

B)

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the committee's Barnstable Harbor shellfish aquaculture site expansion area proposal.

On July 7th, NR staff transported Shellfish Committee members Stuart Rapp, Les Hemmila and Town Councilors Phil Wallace and Ann Canedy to the proposed site for a field review.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the geography / oceanography of the area and the practical siting of the sites as designed (see attached map).

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the shellfish aquaculture license waiting list protocol.

