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**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**DATE: May 8, 2024**  
**TIME: 6:32 PM to 7:30 P.M.**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Stuart Rapp, Patricia Farinha, Bill Cherepon, Jake Angelo, Paul Hendricks, Doug Crook

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Gloriann Hurwitz, Al Suprenant, Robert Lancaster

**General Public present:** Jill Nawoichik, Tim Hamel, Jason French, Mark Burgess, Kieran Healy, Tyler Hagenstein

**Town Council Liaison absent:** Gordon Starr

**Town Staff present:** Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Tyler Ranauro, Office Manager

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, as May 8, 2024, meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart 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."*

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes:** April 10, 2024, minutes  
Rapp declared these minutes being on the agenda as an error, as the minutes intended for the agenda were from March. March minutes pushed to June meeting.
- 2. Chairman's Comments:** None
- 3. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:**  
1-Shellfish Growing Area Updates:

**Constable Croteau states that the shellfish area growing maps have undergone recent changes since the start of May. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>- Prince Cove, Marston's Mills**

**River, North Bay, and East Bay all been closed. As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Street mooring area in West Bay, as well as Cotuit Oyster Co. and Cotuit Town mooring area will be closed.**

**2. Monthly Propagation Report:**

**Constable Croteau cites Shellfish Technician Ryan Henry, the first Seasonal Shellfish Technician Amanda has begun, with the second Seasonal Tech due at the end of May. Intern Aydan from the MITC Grant has begun, with a second beginning in two weeks. Once the internship duration is complete, one intern will be hired as the third Seasonal Shellfish Technician.**

**Staff has started the process of planting a remote set of bags at Barnstable Harbor which will take several tides. A total of 700 bags will be made, 21 nets of quahogs were pulled to begin stocking relay areas that are in open status.**

**3. Explanation of Mooring Area Closures:**

**Constable Croteau cites that the Division of Marine Fisheries states the dates that are defined for closures are the definitive annual dates. Constable Croteau suggests working jointly with DMF to have the date of the closures conditionally be June 1<sup>st</sup>- with the option of working with local assistance and GIS to close the areas sooner due to the number of boats.**

**4. Year-to-date Permit Numbers:**

**Constable Croteau states that the numbers of sold shellfish permits are slightly down from 2023- although the money grossed is about the same due to the prorated price in the early months of 2023. Croteau suggests a probable cause of slight decrease in sold 2024 permits could be the early closure of oyster harvesting.**

**4. New Business: None**

**5. Upcoming (and Old) Renewal & Transfer Hearings: None**

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

1. Applicant: Murray Scudder, Hyannis Harbor Tours, Inc. Project Location: 220 Ocean Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 (map 326 parcels 069, 070, 071001) Representative: Robert A. Braman, Jr; Braman Surveying and Assoc., LLC Proposed Project: To permit maintenance dredging authorized under Emergency Certification Form issued by the Barnstable Conservation and to permit future maintenance dredging as needed. Page 2 of 3 Conservation Hearing Date: April 16, 2024, 3:00PM Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main St, 2nd floor Hearing Room, Hyannis, MA 02601

**The Natural Resource Division had no concerns or any foreseen adverse impacts on the shellfish habitat.**

2. Applicant: Maria G. & Peter J. Smail Project Location: 339 Eel River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 115 parcel 030) Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Proposed Project: To install float piles Conservation Hearing Date: May 7, 2024, 3:00PM via Zoom

**The project went before Conservation commission and was approved on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The project has a very small footprint for installing float piles on the existing pier. The Natural Resource Division has identified that there are quahogs there and are looking for a special condition to be added to the orders for the NR staff to go in and remove the quahogs prior. Other than the special condition, there are no concerns from the Natural Resource Division.**

3. Applicant: George & Larry Attar, Lisa & Jeffrey Bieling; Condominium Master Project Location: 306 Long Beach Rd, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 185 parcel 024) Representative: Mark Burgess, Shorefront Consulting Proposed Project: Proposed dock reconstruction, extension and new floats Conservation Hearing Date: May 7, 2024, 3:00PM via Zoom

**Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting was present on behalf of George & Larry Attar, Lisa & Jeffrey Bieling. The Natural Resource Division states that the shellfish survey done resulted in the area being not suitable for shellfish habitat, as a result no opposition. This proposed coastal project has been continued to June 4<sup>th</sup> Conservation Commission as Waterways has a separate issue with the project.**

4. Applicant: The Niki Lariviere Trust; Gerald Kashuk, Trustee Project Location: 188 Bay Shore Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601 (map 325 parcel 085) Representative: Mark Burgess, Shorefront Consulting Proposed Project: Proposed shorefront protection Conservation Hearing Date: May 7, 2024, 3:00PM via Zoom

**Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting was present on behalf of The Niki Lariviere Trust; Gerald Kashuk, Trustee. Mr. Burgess states that the project is to remove a pile of unorganized stones on the shoreline and install a properly designed rock revetment. The project will not impact the footprint, nor any land or sea expansion. Work will be done from upland- with no work done from the beach. Tim Hamel of the public asked for additional procedure explanation. Natural Resource Division had no concerns or any foreseen adverse impacts on the shellfish habitat.**

5. Applicant: The Fourth Amendment and Restatement of the FTP Revocable Trust of 2004; Thomas Parsi, Trustee Project Location: 98 Hayes Rd, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 210 parcel 097) Representative: Mark Burgess, Shorefront Consulting Proposed Project: Proposed seasonal dock Conservation Hearing Date: May 7, 2024, 3:00PM via Zoom

**Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting was present on behalf of The Fourth Amendment and Restatement of the FTP Revocable Trust of 2004; Thomas Parsi, Trustee. Mr. Burgess proposes a 50' seasonal dock that will obtain 3' of water at the end. This is an aluminum seasonal dock that will come out of water every year. Natural Resource Division had no concerns or any foreseen adverse impacts on the shellfish habitat.**

6. Applicant: Town of Mashpee c/o Rodney Collins Project Location: N/A- in water work, Approach, Inner and 1916 Channels Popponesset Bay, Mashpee Representative: Paul Mancuso, BSC Group, Inc. Proposed Project: Proposed maintenance dredging within the existing Approach channel, Inner channel, and 1916 channel within Popponesset Bay. Portions of each channel extend into Barnstable. Conservation Hearing Date: May 15, 2024, 6:30PM via Zoom

**Kieran Healy on behalf of the Town of Mashpee proposed an allowance of a 10-year dredging permit plan as some of the channels for the Town of Mashpee work access through the Town of Barnstable. Mr. Healy reiterated there will be no dredging work within the Town of Barnstable as well as no channel fill in the area. The approval of the 10-year plan will safeguard the Mashpee project from starting the approval process from scratch in case of an emergency. Natural Resource Division had no concerns or any foreseen adverse impacts on the shellfish habitat.**

7. Special Presentations: 1. 4 Years of Dry Dragging Quahogs- One Wild Harvester's Perspective (presenter Jake Angelo)

**Mr. Angelo presentation consisted of a power point and video captured through his harvesting practice. The presentation highlighted the benefits of appropriate practice and use of equipment. The benefits of dry digging improve the waterways in addition to the quality of shellfish growth. Mr. Angelo identified various species growth being positively impacted. Mr. Angelo offered research and statistics of other Towns on Cape Cod and how the Town of Barnstable would be fair. He states the economic and ecological impacts if this practice was approved within the Town. During the presentation, Mr. Angelo discussed the rules and regulations that would need to be approved and agreed upon prior to this practice being official. Pros and Cons of boat size, limits, as well as type of motor were all discussed. Mr.**

**Hamel, Mr. Hagenstein, and Mr. French all offered their opinion and suggestions on the presentation. Mr. Rapp offered an idea for a pilot program to be written up and presented by Mr. Angelo at a future meeting with the suggestions brought forth by the Committee.**

**8. Old Business:** Status of the repair of Scudder Lane Town landing: **None.**

**9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

**Mr. Hagenstein brought up the new regulation from DMF about the specific number (decimal) tags within the harvester's inventory and how that will affect each harvester moving forward. Mr. Hamel suggested a Commercial survey for harvesters to be added to the renewal permit to help benefit the Town Biologist and staff.**

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Hendricks and seconded by Angelo at 7:30 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted-MEA Office Manager Tyler Ranauro