



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: August 13, 2025
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM**

Shellfish Committee Members present: Douglas Crook, Patricia Farinha, Bill Cherepon, Paul Hendricks, Jacob Angelo, Robert Lancaster, Timothy Hammel

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Gloriann Hurwitz

General Public present: Daniel Ojala, Sue Nickerson

Town Council Liaison absent: Gordon Starr

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Shellfish Constable; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Office Manager

Douglas Crook called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, as August 13, 2025 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Chairman Crook read a notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on the Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel 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: May 14, 2025 minutes

Bill motioned to approve the May 14, 2025 meeting minutes and Patricia seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving minutes as written.

2. Chairman's Comments: None

3. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:

1. Shellfish Growing Area Updates

As of June 15th there were closures in the Cotuit Narrows. September 15th will bring annual conditionally approved Barnstable Harbor closures. Like in previous years, the back side of Sandy Neck is approved to stay open.

2. Monthly Propagation Report

June and July were busy for the Shellfish propagation team. 380 bushels of clams were dug. 700 bags of remote set were picked up from Aquaculture Research Corp. 600 bags were placed at Scudder Ln and 100 were placed in East Bay. 240,000 bay scallops are being grown.

It was asked that a member of the propagation team be present at more of the Shellfish Committee meetings. Constable Croteau stated that she can ask about having someone come three times throughout the year; January/February, May/June, and October/November.

3. Propagation Tours reminders

Constable Croteau proposed bringing back discussion on the apprentice program next month in September. All in favor.

4. New Business:

1. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote for 2025-26

Douglas Crook was nominated as Chair for the Shellfish Committee again. Jake motioned to approve and Patricia seconded. All in favor.

Bill Cherepon was nominated as Vice Chair again. Jake motioned to approve and Bob seconded. All in favor.

2. Discussion on a representative for the Water Resources Stakeholder Meeting September 4th 1-2:30 PM

Constable Croteau stated that the Shellfish Committee was asked to appoint a representative or two to attend the Water Resources Stakeholder Meeting. Patricia and DJ both volunteered.

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

- 1. Hearing for the renewal of aquaculture licensed site ng033, for Susan Nickerson, 63 Moco Rd, West Barnstable, MA 02668 for a period of 10 years. Public hearing 09/03/2025 at 10:00AM via Zoom**

Sue Nickerson is up for renewal for site ng0ng033. She has been licensed since 2010 with no opposition from Natural Resource. Bob moved to recommend the renewal of site ng0ng033 and Paul seconded. Tim recused himself from voting due to occasionally helping on the site, all else in favor.

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

- 1. Applicant: Shannon Smith
Project Location: 0 & 87 Salten Point Road (map 280, parcel 014 & 015)**

Representative: Jen Crawford, Crawford Land Management
Proposed Project: salt marsh protection and restoration
Conservation Hearing: 06/24 6:30PM via Zoom

Crawford Management had gone before the Conservation Commission back in June and had to go back before the Commission again. The property owners are looking for a way to restore the salt marsh. Constable Croteau stated that the Natural Resource Division was opposed to them using oyster castles. Natural Resource asked for monitoring every 4 months and asked for any weather events to be included to make sure anything put out does not end up in Barnstable Harbor. This proposal went before the Conservation Commission and was approved. The Shellfish Committee would like to hear an update later to hear how things are going.

2. Applicant: Steven & Wendy D'Angelo
Project Location: 108 Long Beach Rd, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 206, parcel 005)
Representative: Daniel Ojala, Down Cape Engineering, Inc.
Proposed Project: Proposed fixed pier, ramp and floats
Conservation Hearing: 07/08/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

The representative, Daniel Ojala, proposed having a fixed pier with ramp and floats at the property. Constable Croteau stated that the Natural Resource findings were that the area is a muck pit and in a prohibited shellfish area. September 9th they will be going back before the Conservation Commission.

3. Applicant: 260/270 Vineyard Rd LLC
Project Location: 260 & 270 Vineyard Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 (map 015, parcels 006 003/004)
Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: To repair and maintain existing revetment and to extend cobble berm
Conservation Hearing: 07/22/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

The proposed project is to repair and maintain the existing revetment and to extend cobble berm. Natural Resource didn't take any opposition because nothing is in a shellfish habitat, and it was approved by the Conservation Commission with work reduced to being done via the upland.

4. Applicant: Griffin Beaudoin, Town of Barnstable DPW
Project Location: 307 Millway Rd, Barnstable, MA 02630 (map 301, parcel 064)
Representative: Jimmy Hill, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC
Proposed Project: Maintenance dredging of the Barnstable Harbor Entrance Channel and Boat Ramp Access. The Town is proposing mechanical maintenance dredging of Mid-Entrance Channel and Blish Point Boat Ramp Access Channel to previously authorized depths.
Conservation Hearing: 07/22/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

This project was approved by the Conservation Commission. There will be 1-2 weeks of dredging and are anticipated to finish by December 31st. 2017 was the last time for dredging the mid-entrance channel and 2021 for the boat ramp.

5. Applicant: Kenneth G Morton, Trustee, The Sandy Neck Lighthouse Trust
Project Location: 373 Sandy Neck, Barnstable, MA 02630 (map 338, parcel 001)
Representative: Daniel Ojala, Down Cape Engineering, Inc.

Daniel Ojala proposed the reconstruction of licensed wood groins at the Sandy Neck lighthouse. He stated they are anticipating a 10-ton excavator to install the pilings and can use rubber mats to help lessen the vibrations. Most of the equipment will be arriving by boat, and some by the outer beach down trail 6 if necessary. There are time restrictions for their work due to plovers and terns on the beach. No issues from the Shellfish Committee.

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business:

1. Behavioral Expectations Regulation Discussion §407-3, §407-15

Constable Croteau stated that the previous wording brought to the Committee was going to stay as what is proposed to update regulation §407-3 and §407-15. This regulation is proposed that any abusive, inappropriate or aggressive behavior toward other shellfishers and/or Natural Resources staff will result in the violator's catch being confiscated and the violator's shellfishing privileges being suspended for a period of no less than one shellfishing week. This allows the officers to deal with instances that may not require police involvement. The wording of this regulation is consistent with regulations for the beaches as well as Sandy Neck in regard to aggressive or abusive behavior. There was discussion of what exactly is inappropriate or aggressive behavior, as well as concerns for officers having too much discretion. Constable Croteau stated that it is something that needs to be witnessed by a Natural Resource officer and not just reported to them.

Bob motioned to approve the regulations as written and Patricia seconded. DJ, Paul, Tim, Bob, Patricia, and Bill all voted in favor and Jake opposed.

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Bob and seconded by Paul at 7:52 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager