



Town of Barnstable

Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: September 10, 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, Gloriann Hurwitz

Shellfish Committee Members absent: None

General Public present: Jason French, Jim Weiler, Joe Weinberg, Tyler Hagenstein, Henry Cenzalli, Shelley Cenzalli, John J. Madden, John O'Dea-Sullivan Engineering, Bruce Blackman

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 September 10, 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: August 13, 2025 minutes

Bob motioned to approve the August 13, 2025 meeting minutes and Bill 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

Constable Croteau stated as of September 15th, Barnstable Harbor closures that normally occur off of Indian Trail would remain open. Signs and buoys were placed at Calves pasture for the seasonal closure. Oyster season begins November 5th, the first Wednesday in November.

2. Monthly Propagation Report

Constable Croteau stated that the last 2 learn to shellfish classes had a great turnout. She also stated they will be allowing 1 peck weekly limit for oysters everywhere, both the North side and the South side. Bridge Street in Osterville did not get stocked with oysters this year. Instead they will be stocked at the Relay area adjacent to the Cotuit Town Dock. There will be a closure specifically for scallops at Kalmus starting October 1st to allow for the growth of the scallops.

3. Propagation Tours reminders

4. New Business:

1. Discussion about having same time meetings 12 months of the year for 2026

There was discussion on having all Shellfish Committee meetings at the same time next year. Tim motioned to have all meetings at 6:00 PM next year and Gloriann seconded.

2. Apprentice Program Discussion, proposed limitations on hour per species

There was discussion on the current Commercial Shellfish Apprentice Program and whether or not there should be a limit on the number of hours per species. There was also discussion on the total number of hours needed, age limit, and whether or not the apprentice permit should remain a permanent permit even if the permit holder decides they want to give it up down the line. It was suggested that the total number of hours should either be dedicated to no more than one quarter or no more than fifty percent of one species. It was decided for Constable Croteau to draft up amendments to the apprentice program changing the age limit from 18 to 21 and that the apprentice permit would stay an apprentice permit and would not get added permanently to the fishery if the permit gets dropped. Further discussion on species was pushed to next month.

3. Bottom to Hull requirements discussion

Chairman Crook brought up the bottom to hull requirements that state regulations require 30 inches below a boat meeting at medium low tide, due to the number of projects coming before the committee of individuals wanting to extend docks. Discussion ensued about whether there was a better way to approach the Conservation Commission about a better system to judge these projects with potentially good shellfish habitats.

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

1. Hearing for the renewal of aquaculture licensed site sg013 for Kevin Flaherty, 739 Route 149, Marstons Mills, MA 02648 for a period of 10 years. Public hearing 09/11/2025 at 12:00PM via Zoom <https://townofbarnstable-us.zoom.us/j/85019491630>

Kevin Flaherty is up for a 10-year renewal for his aquaculture site. It is approximately 1 acre and is mostly used to cultivate oysters. The site is largely managed by Cape Cod Oyster. Constable Croteau stated they are up to date with their paperwork and Natural Resource Division has no opposition to the renewal. Bob motioned to recommend approval for the renewal and Jake seconded. All in favor.

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: 48 Starboard LLC, 129 Paddock Circle, Mashpee, MA 02649
Project Location: 48 Starboard Lane, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 185, parcel 001)
Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: To replace existing pier and boathouse with proposed addition of a ramp and float.
Conservation Hearing: 09/02/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

John O'dea presented this project. The applicant has an existing boardwalk across the marsh that they are proposing replacing, making it 18 inches higher. They originally proposed a ramp and float coming out perpendicular into the water but were asked to possibly rotate the float. A shellfish survey was done, and majority of shellfish were found past the marsh. There will be no motorized boat, just a 16-foot float with four posts preventing it from ever sitting on the bottom.

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business: None

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

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

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager