

Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2020

TIME: 6:30 P.M. to 7:53 P.M.

**This meeting was held via ZOOM
Physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.**

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Jacob Angelo, Paul Caruso, Tyler Hagenstein, William Shumway, Al Surprenant

Shellfish Committee Members absent: none

General Public present: Don Salamak, Chris Hagerty, DJ Mackinnon, Gordon Star, Dave Attaniemi, Ryan Attaniemi, Corey Hendricks, Jon Hagenstein, Donald Munroe

Town Council Liaison present: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable, Nina Coleman, Natural Resources Director, Terri McDonald, Clerk

Stuart Rapp chaired the December 9, 2020 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Stuart Rapp took a roll call of members present at the meeting. Stuart Rapp 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. Meeting Minutes:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Paul Caruso approve the November 18, 2020 minutes as amended.

2. Chairman's Comments: None.

3. Natural Resources Report:

Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resources Officer presented the following:

Recreational Shellfish Permits sold for 2020 Season compared to 2019 Season

Permit Type	2019	2020
Resident	1448	1259
Senior Resident	1006	856
Non-Resident	280	408
Seasonal	32	43
NR Veteran	22	31
NR Senior Veteran	51	41
TOTALS	2839	2638

East Bay opened for Shellfishing on December 1, 2020 after State water quality testing results were received.

December 15, 2020 the Barnstable Marshes on the north side are schedule to open pending water quality testing results from the State.

Officer Croteau corresponded with Darcy Karle, Conservation Administrator to discuss a Pilot Program for Dry Dragging in the Marstons Mills River. Darcy Karle informed Officer Croteau that it was not necessary to involve the Conservation Commission as the Pilot it will be dry rigging not hydraulic. The scope of the Pilot will be formed over the next month prior to the scheduled opening of the Mills River for Shellfishing on February 15, 2021, pending water quality testing.

Nina Coleman, Natural Resources Director presented on the new procedure and forms for the renewal and payments for the Aquaculture Licenses, Commercial Shellfishing and associated wait lists. There are new forms available on the Town's website. These forms can be filled out on line and emailed. Should anyone have any questions or problems they are encouraged to contact MEA for assistance.

4. Status of pending NOI pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

- A. Applicant: Donald J. & Maureen J. Salamack
- Project Location: 614 Poponessett Road, Cotuit, MA 02635
- Representative: Donald K. Munroe, Coastal Engineering Co., Inc.
- Proposed Project: Proposed shorefront protection to include installation of vinyl sheet pile bulkhead, beach nourishment and native plantings.
- Conservation Hearing Date: 12/01/2020 4:30PM via Zoom (no details in NOI)

Overview of the project was presented by Donald Munroe. As the project is primarily an upland projects the Shellfish Committee decided to take no action.

5. **New Business:** None.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. Special Presentations:

- A. Jake Angelo - Monthly Documentation of Embayment Bottoms

Jake Angelo presented photos from a dive he and Tyler Hagenstein performed in the Isabella Point, Cotuit area. These photos depicted the bottom of this area and the presence of sponge and sediment that is stagnant and choking out shellfish.

- B. Al Surpenant - "Save the Bays: loss of shellfish habitat in Three Bays due to moorings, docks and piers"

Al Surpenant presented on the number of docks and moorings in the Three Bays. In the Three Bay area there are 1160 acres with 1,142 moorings and 187 docks. Moorings require 3x the length of chain to the depth of the water to be attached to the mushroom/anchor. This leaves at least 7 feet of chain on the bottom moving around the anchor in different directions scouring the bottom. There was much discussion on which is better for the environment, helix moorings or mushrooms. It was decided by

Stuart Rapp to form a Sub- Committee with Paul Caruso, Al Surprenant and Jacob Angelo find some solutions to the bottom issues we are facing in the Three Bay Area.

8. **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** None.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Jacob Angelo and seconded by Paul Caruso to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Terri McDonald – Clerk of the Board