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SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: February 9, 2022
TIME: 6:03 PM to 6:38 P.M.
This meeting was held via ZOOM

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Tyler Hagenstein, Jacob Angelo, Doug Crook

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Al Surprenant, Patricia Farinha

General Public present: Arlene M. Wilson

Town Council Liaison absent: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order, as February 9, 2022 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

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."

I. Meeting Minutes

1. Meetings minutes of November 20, 2021; December 8, 2021; January 11, 2021 are deferred until next meeting in March.

II. Chairman's comments:

1. Mr. Rapp states he is still working with the Town Attorney's office on the reformation of the Shellfish Committee and that it is still in progress.

III. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:

1. February 15 Openings

Constable Croteau shared updated maps for areas that will be opened for shellfishing on February 15, 2022. The Marston's Mills River and Price Cove areas passed the water quality testing.

2. Commercial Lottery Results

The list of the 27 Commercial Lottery applications has been posted on the Town of Barnstable's Natural Resource and Shellfishing pages.

3. Final map and conditions, Marston's Mills River Quahog Dry Dragging Pilot Year 2

Constable Croteau states that the conditions are the same as last year. The hours are ½ hour before sunset one must stop and cannot start again until after 07:30am the following morning. The Dragging Pilot is also following the hydraulic pump and current commercial regulations in place.

4. Barnstable Harbor Aquaculture Gear Clean Up Month

Constable Croteau introduced new MEA employee Kaitlyn Carpenter as the new NRO Aquaculture Specialist. Croteau presented a new form that aquaculturists can elect to fill out when they clean up marine debris/gear. The recorded results will be used for potential future grants. These forms are also available to the general public. The official duration of the Clean Up will run from 3/1-3/15.

IV. New Business:

1. Recreational Shellfish permit numbers are not currently available due to the early release of the 2022-23 permit renewals. The duration of March-April will be documented.
2. Mr. Hagenstein asked about the Shellfish Advisory panel, Constable Croteau stated that the minutes of the first meeting she attended are posted on the State site, and there is an additional meeting in March.

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

1. Hearing for aquaculture renewal of the aquaculture license #17-01 (site ng007) in Barnstable Harbor for James Bright, 227 Bumps River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 for a period of 10 years. Public hearing to be held via Zoom, 03/01/2022 at 10:00AM.

Mr. Bright was not in attendance. Constable Croteau states that Mr. Bright's annual production meets what is required by regulations. Outside of the annual report, he is up to date on his renewal requirements. Mr. Rapp recommends that the Town approve Mr. Bright's renewal.

A motion was made by Angelo and seconded by Hagenstein; all in favor by unanimous roll call vote.

VI. Upcoming (and Old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: JMS Holdings LLC
Project Location: 134 South Bay Rd, Osterville, MA 02655
Representative: Arlene M. Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc.
Proposed Project: Placement of up to 100 cubic yards of clean medium sand landward of MHW and saltmarsh across +/-185' of shorefront
Conservation Hearing Date: 02/08/2022 after 4:30PM agenda, via Zoom

Ms. Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc. spoke on behalf of JMS Holdings LLC about the proposed project. The beach nourishment project will be kept above mean high water. Ms. Wilson states there is a shellfish habitat on the projected area. The issue is with the retaining wall on the property which is older than 1950. The footing is beginning to uncover, and if the wall were to fall, it would be dangerous for habitat and the owner's upland development. Fixing the property at that time would be costly. Ms. Wilson states that the project proposes to keep the footing covered up, and add 2 feet of additional sand at the wall. The sand will be placed by truck by pouring it over the wall and then spread by hand. Wilson explained that the sand is from an upland source, had a sediment analysis, and will be coarser than medium sized sand.

Mr. Angelo asked how long the sand will last and would an extended salt marsh/grass suffice, as the continuation of adding sand may not help the environment. Mrs. Wilson suggested around 10 years and the vertical discrepancy between the toe of the rock wall and the appendages is too steep of a grade to be viable. Wilson also states that the water level is not high enough for a salt marsh to the wall and will look into an alternative method if the issue arises in future years. Mr. Rapp clarifies that if the sand does erode, there are no orders of condition from the Conservation Commission that this would be the method on an ongoing basis and the project would need to be resubmitted for review.

Mr. Hagenstein voiced his concern with clean fill not from the area and putting it into a new area, as it erodes will be blanketing the natural habitat. Mrs. Wilson acknowledges the concerns.

VII. Old Buisness: None.

VIII. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

1. Constable Croteau states that an Aquaculture License has been reverted to the waitlist. NG052 has become available and three people on the top of the Aquaculture North waitlist have been contacted. There will be a future public hearing with applicant Deborah Hill and will be scheduled in the near future.
2. Mr. Angelo requests a discussion about the regulations of the waitlist at the next meeting. The committee unanimously voted to approve the discussion.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a Motion made by Jacob Angelo and seconded by Tyler Hagenstein to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tyler Ranauro, MEA Office Manager