



# Town of Barnstable

## Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
DATE: March 12, 2025  
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Douglas Crook, Patricia Farinha, Gloriann Hurwitz, Bill Cherepon, Timothy Hammel, Paul Hendricks

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Jacob Angelo, Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster

**General Public present:** Jill Nawoichik, Jason French, Mark Begley, Kris Clark, Scott Mullin

**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 6:00 PM, as March 12, 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:** February 12, 2025 minutes

Paul motioned to approve the February 12, 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**

**Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, Shoestring Bay and the Scudder Lane recreational area will be closed.**

**2. Monthly Propagation Report**

**Constable Croteau stated that the scallop seed would be provided by Ward Aquafarms. Shellfish Biologist Liz Lewis submitted the yearly propagation report to the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF).**

**The Shellfish team has been working on multiple outreach opportunities.**

### **3. Centerville River Relays**

**Constable Croteau stated the Centerville River Relays are done every other year in the portions of the Centerville River permitted by DMF. Notification was shared with the Commercial permit holders as well as posted on the town's website. There will be two low tide dates; Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, and two high tide dates; Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **4. Clamming Class for Kids 2025**

**Clammer Kids classes will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a hot pink clam again this year, and the kid who finds it will win a prize.**

**Oyster season and Scallop season will officially be closed April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **4. New Business:**

### **1. Dredging and Safety Issues**

**There was discussion on dredging and dry dragging, including comments of the dredge boats getting too close to shore and creating troughs. Concerns on areas such as West Bay were brought up, as well as suggestions of having time restrictions for dragging. Chairman Crook suggested revisiting the topic again in May.**

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

- 1. Hearing for the transfer of aquaculture licensed site ng030 from Linda Begley, 20 High St, West Barnstable, MA 02668 to Scott Mullin, 90 Alderbrook Lane, West Barnstable, MA 02668 and issuance of a new license to Scott Mullin for a period of 5 years. Public hearing 4/10/2025 10:00AM, Selectmen's Conference Room, second floor, Town Hall, 367 Main St. Hyannis**

**The aquaculture site is 1.99 acres with all indigenous species allowed. Harvest is proposed to be by hand. Tim motioned to recommend the transfer and Patricia seconded. All in favor.**

- 2. Hearing for the transfer of aquaculture licensed site ng029 from Mark Begley, 20 High St, West Barnstable, MA 02668 to Tyler Hagenstein 28 Derby Drive, West Barnstable, MA 02668 and issuance of a new license to Tyler Hagenstein for a period of 5 years. Public hearing 4/10/2025 10:00AM, Selectmen's Conference Room, second floor, Town Hall, 367 Main St. Hyannis**

**The aquaculture site is 2 acres. Harvest will mostly be oysters and quahogs with potential experimenting with surf clams. Natural Resource has no oppositions. Tim motioned to recommend the transfer and Paul seconded. All in favor**

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

**1. Applicant: Jeffrey & Candace Dobro**

Project Location: 309 Bay Lane, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 186, parcel 014)

Representative: Timothy Santos, Merrill Engineers & Land Surveyors

Proposed Project: Proposed invasive plant removal and native plant restoration to multiple areas of the property along with the construction of a reinforced high marsh system and placement of a salt marsh pillow in order to stabilize and revegetate the base of the coastal bank

Conservation Hearing: 03/04/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

**Constable Croteau stated that all proposed work is proposed to be done via the uplands. Natural Resource did not have any concerns and the project already went before the Conservation Commission.**

**2. Applicant: 135 Putnam Avenue, LLC**

Project Location: 135 Putnam Ave, Cotuit, MA 02635 (map 036, parcel 040 001)

Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

Proposed Project: The project as proposed will include grading and vegetation restoration and construction of a vinyl bulkhead to stabilize the failing Coastal Bank, and replacement of the bank access stairs

Conservation Hearing: 03/11/2025 3:00PM via Zoom

**Constable Croteau stated that all the work is proposed to be done via the uplands and there shouldn't be any impediments to the shellfish or the shoreline. Natural Resource will request a seat at the table when they do the pre-construction meetings to ensure they do not go into any areas they are not wanted in.**

**7. Special Presentations: None**

**8. Old Business: None**

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

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Tim and seconded by Paul at 6:49 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager