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SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: October 12, 2022
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM
This meeting was held via ZOOM

Shellfish Committee Members present: Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Bill Cherepon, Tyler Hagenstein, Douglas Crook

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Jake Angelo, Al Surprenant

General Public present:

Town Council Liaison present: Kristine Clark

Town Staff present: Amy Croteau, Senior Natural Resource Officer/Shellfish Constable; Nina Coleman, Director of Natural Resources/Sandy Neck Beach Park Manager; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM, as October 12, 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."

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes:** Robert moved to approve September 14, 2022 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:**
 - A. Shellfish Growing Areas Updates

Moving into November, the Bridge Street mooring area will have the appropriate number of boats to reopen. The Cotuit Town Landing still has too many boats to open. November 1st Mill creek will be opening all of Barnstable Harbor water quality pending, except Scudder Lane which will be opening on Wednesday November 2nd for oyster season. The Lewis Bay mooring area will still be closed November 1st if there are still more than 20 boats, but open if there are less than 20.

B. Scallop Season and Oyster Season Openings Reminder

Scallop season opens recreationally October 1st and commercially on October 3rd. Oyster season opens recreational only November 2. Scudder Lane, Bridge Street and Bay Street will be open. The annual Bay Street commercial closure that occurs from the landing and goes to the right when facing the water will close to commercial harvesters Tuesday November 1st. But it will re-open February 15 because the area will be getting phased out for oysters for the next three years.

C. Shellfish Advisory Panel Updates

Constable Croteau is on the Shellfish Advisory Panel for the State and has volunteered to be on the subcommittee on bulk tagging. The meeting will be on November 9th at 9 am, looking into potentially allowing wild harvesters, but definitely aquaculturists who are not wholesale dealers, being permitted to bulk tagging. Constable Croteau also plans on attending the Shellfish Advisory meeting held from 3-7 pm on November 15th at the Hanover library if she is back from vacation in time. October 24-25 is the blue future conference at the Plymouth Waterfront. There will be three breakout sessions at the conference; Ocean Harvest, Marine Tech and Practice, and Blue Workforce Development.

4. **New Business:**

A. Change of Recreational Permit Expiration Date- for Vote

Director of Natural Resources/Sandy Neck Beach Park Manager Nina Coleman would like to get all MEA permits changed to a calendar year with the same expiration date in order to help with any confusion. These permits would now run from January 1st to January 15th.

B. Change in Recreational Shellfish Permit fees (Prorate fee for January 1, 2023-February 28, 2023 due to change in permit expiration date)

Because of the change in expiration and overlap of permits, Director Coleman would like to offer a prorated fee between January 1, 2023 and February 28, 2023 for anyone renewing a shellfish permit. These fees would be \$33 for Residents, \$25 for Senior Residents, and \$117 for Non-Residents. Anyone purchasing a new Shellfish Permit for the first time will still be paying the full amount.

Councilwoman Kris Clark questioned if people will still be able to apply for their permit in advance before the previous one expires, as they have done in previous years. Director Coleman explained that the login links will be sent in early December so people can apply for permits and provide any required documentation so they will receive their invoice come January 1st and the old ones won't expire until the 15th, giving them that little bit of overlap to acquire the new ones. Constable Croteau stated they will try to issue the same permit number to people renewing their license because people could potentially have two permits for two months with the change this year.

Robert moved to approve the suggested renewal fees as presented, and Patricia seconded.

There was a unanimous vote in approval of all changes as is.

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

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

- A. Applicant: Michael J. Gill, Trustee, 52 and 72 North Bay Realty Trust
Project Location: 52 and 72 North Bay Road
Representative: John O’Dea, Sullivan Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: Modify and expand the existing pier, ramp and float
Conservation Hearing Date: September 27, 2022 6:30PM Via Zoom

This proposed project has already gone before the Conservation Commission and gotten approved. It is not in threat of hitting the bottom even in extreme tides, and no dock would ever be allowed on the other attached property.

- B. Applicant: Town of Barnstable DPW
Project Location: 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis, MA 02601
Representative: Jeramy Packard, Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC.
Proposed Project: Maintenance dredging with upland disposal to restore navigability within the previously dredged Bismore Park Marina Basin
Conservation Hearing Date: 10/4/2022, 4:30PM via Zoom

This proposed project went before Conservation Commission and was approved.

- C. Applicant: Christian Camp Meeting Association
Project Location: 915 Craigville Beach Rd, Centerville, MA 02632
Representative: Cameron Larson, Environmental Consulting and Restoration, LLC.
Proposed Project: Proposed beach sand relocation project at the Craigville Beach Association property. Project includes relocating accumulated beach sand from under and around the existing structures within the back shore beach to a portion of the beach seaward.
Conservation Hearing Date: 10/11/2022, 6:30PM via Zoom

This proposed project went before the Conservation Commission and was approved. Because it is up on the beach and not near the water it will not affect the shellfish.

7. Old Business:

- A. Status of the repair of Scudder Lane Town Landing

Constable Croteau has no additional information at this time, as well as no update available from Councilwoman Clark.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Robert and seconded by Patricia to adjourn at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA administrative assistant