



# Town of Barnstable

## Shellfish Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
DATE: September 11, 2024  
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Douglas Crook, Patricia Farinha, Gloriann Hurwitz, Paul Hendricks, Robert Lancaster, Jacob Angelo, Bill Cherepon, Stuart Rapp

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:**

**General Public present:** Tim Hamel, Jill Nawoichik, Jason French, Tyler Hagenstein

**Town Council Liaison absent:** Gordon Starr

**Town Staff present:** Amy Croteau, Shellfish Constable; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, as September 11, 2024 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. Chairman Rapp 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 14, 2024 minutes

**Bob moved to approve the August 14, 2024 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. Monthly Propagation Report**

**Constable Croteau stated that 46.5 bushels of quahogs have been moved throughout the Three Bays area being planted on bottom, with 20 nets being planted already. Oysters have been planted at Bridge St and planting has started on the North Side. The propagation area at Rendezvous Lane has**

been opened. Concerns of access being impeded if a medical emergency arises caused “no parking” signs to be implemented down Scudder Ln.

2. Update on Dry Dragging Management Plan

Right now, Constable Croteau is continuing her fact finding on the subject. The town has jurisdiction over most of the fisheries for up to 3 months but has no jurisdiction under state managed fisheries. They are still leaning towards allowing 20 bushels per day, 6 days a week. She will have maps next month using GIS to determine the town’s boundaries. There will be no dragging in zones such as the Marstons Mills River and designated relay areas.

3. Growing Area Updates

The Cotuit Narrows are set to open October 1<sup>st</sup> pending water quality. On September 15<sup>th</sup> both the Cotuit Oyster Company and Bridge St mooring fields will open, as there will be less than 20 boats moored in each area. This year, areas CCB 31.1, 31.3, and 31.4 will remain open in Barnstable Harbor.

4. Mooring Area Closure Policy Update

The Cotuit Oyster Company and Bridge St mooring fields have been classified as Type 1 mooring fields and are anticipated to be staying in open status next year.

4. New Business:

1. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote

The Shellfish Committee held votes for both Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Douglas Crook was nominated for Chair, all in favor. Bill Cherepon was nominated for Vice Chair, all in favor. Chairman Rapp congratulated them on their new positions in the Committee.

2. Discussion of Shellfish Fees

Director Coleman stated the Shellfish fees have not been looked at since 2016 and she feels it’s time to reevaluate. Over the years, there have been a slight increase in Residential permit sales and a clear increase in Non-Residential permit sales. After looking at permit rates in surrounding and similar towns, she is recommending increasing the price for Resident permits from \$40 to \$45, no change in the Senior Resident permits, increasing the Non-Resident permits from \$140 to \$170, and increasing the Seasonal permits from \$70 to \$80. The aquaculture fees will be reevaluated and looked at in the future, but right now Director Coleman would like to focus on the Shellfish fees. Discussion ensued with questions about why not push up the Non-Resident rates even more? Director Coleman stated that she would like to start with a smaller jump, and then reevaluate next year with possibly more of an increase instead of one large increase. Bob motioned to approve the proposed changes as written and Bill seconded, all in favor.

5. Upcoming (and Old) Renewal & Transfer Hearings: None

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Applicant: Joseph Jenkins, Trustee; Bluff Point 1999 Trust Number 2

Project Location: 128 Bluff Point Drive, Cotuit, MA 02635 (map 034, parcel 069)

Representative: Timothy Santos, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors

Proposed Project: Proposed project includes removal of dislodged fiber rolls from the 2014 project, installation of a 290 linear foot fiber roll array along the eroding portion of the coast and nourishment with compatible sediment over the fiber rolls to the beach area, relocation of existing deck and utilities adjacent to the access steps to the beach, removal and replacement of the access steps for the fiber roll installation and all associated clearing, grading and landscaping required for the proposed work.

Conservation Hearing: September 9, 2024 3:00PM via Zoom

**This project has already gone before the Conservation Commission. All of the work is being done via the uplands so no shellfish survey was needed, and there was no opposition from the Natural Resource Division.**

2. Applicant: Michael Carosotto, United States Coast Guard

Project Location: N/A

Representative: Christine Perron, McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

Proposed Project: The proposed project involves repairs, removal, and replacement of existing aid to navigation structures in multiple municipalities. Two locations are located in Barnstable, each consisting of remnant riprap mounds that once supported in-service navigational aids. Both riprap mounds will be removed permanently to below MLLW.

Conservation Hearing: October 1, 2024 6:30PM via Zoom

**The Coast Guard is proposing to remove two hazards to navigation in Barnstable. If anyone has any questions or concerns, Constable Croteau recommends they reach out to the Coast Guard representative for more information.**

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business:

1. Status of the repair of Scudder Lane town landing

**No updates at this time.**

2. Proposed Regulation Changes for Discussion: §407-17(B)- Southside Harvest Restrictions, §407-18(A)- Northside Harvest Restrictions, §407-22(A)- Northside Commercial Quahog Harvest Restrictions- vote?

**Constable Croteau proposed getting rid of the weekday prohibitions for commercial harvest restrictions on both the Southside and the Northside, and getting rid of the harvest area restrictions on the Northside for quahogs with the exception of the Scudder Lane Recreational area. Jake motioned to approve the regulation changes as written, and Paul seconded. All in favor. Constable Croteau stated a public hearing will be scheduled for the regulation changes and it will be posted on the town's website for about a month.**

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

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Bob and seconded by Gloriann at 7:35 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Administrative Assistant