

# Town of Barnstable

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**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
 DATE: July 13, 2022  
 TIME: 6:32 PM to 7:17 PM**

**Shellfish Committee Members present:** Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Patricia Farinha, Al Surprenant, Douglas Crook

**Shellfish Committee Members absent:** Bill Cherepon, Tyler Hagenstein, Jake Angelo

**General Public present:** Matt Bunnell, Jen Bunnell, and Jack Bunnell

**Town Council Liaison present:** Kristine Clark

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

Stuart Rapp called the meeting to order, as the July 13, 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:** Minutes for June 8, 2022 were not available and will be moved to the August meeting.
2. **Chairman's Comments:** None
3. **Natural Resources Report/Correspondence:**

**1. Shellfish Permit numbers:**

Permit Type	21-Jun	22-Jun
Resident	142	127

<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>NR Veteran</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NR Senior Veteran</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Seasonal</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Month Totals:</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>YTD Totals</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2548</b>

Al Surprenant would like to include the income to the shellfish permit numbers for next meeting.

## 2. Barnstable Harbor Water Quality Sampling Update

Officer Croteau spoke to area biologist Simone Rights about if there is an opportunity to collect water sampling from the coves of Barnstable Harbor during closed season to potentially upgrade classification. Simone had communicated with officer Croteau that she would like to collect an initial round of five samples during the closed season; one in late September, two in October, one in November, and one in early December, of all the conditionally approved sections including CCB 33, CCB 34.1, and the sub areas CCB 31.1, CCB 31.2, CCB 31.3, and CCB31.4. She also would need assistance of boat transportation from either the Natural Resource Department or the shellfish committee. Officer Croteau stated that having these five additional runs during the closed season could be problematic for the Natural Resource department to fulfill every time she needs to get out. Therefore she will send out an email through MooringInfo to all wild harvesters saying if they are interested in doing this, they need to be available to potentially take Simone out. She will then take that list of individuals and communicate with Simone to set up scheduling moving forward. If fifteen samples that are conducive to the area being reclassified can be taken during the closed season, it could be reclassified in as little as three years.

## 3. Mills River Bottom Survey Update

A couple of things noticed; there was sponge still present but not as much in areas that were dragged, the seed set they saw last year did not take, chowders still present throughout the footprint. They did see some small quahog-like invertebrates but determined they were not actual quahogs. It does look different from the first time and change can be seen in the areas that were dragged. We will need to wait and see if it will be conducive to seed recruitment. The survey started at Prince Cove at the mouth and went into the area that was started two years ago. The bottom is a sand/silt content.

## 4. Propagation numbers 2021 vs 2022

Officer Croteau presented the propagation numbers from 2021 vs 2022 to date. There will be a more in depth presentation from the propagation staff at the annual propagation report.

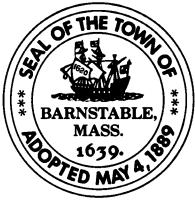
### 2021 Seed Quahogs:

- R 1.5 (2-3 mm): 2.5 Million (Barnstable County Bid)
- 2.4 mm: 500,000
- 1 mm: 1 million

- Contaminated relays (Centerville): 250 Bushels

### 2022 Seed

- R 1.5 (2-3 mm): 3.5 Million (Barnstable County Bid)
- 1 mm: 1 million
- .75": 230,000



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### Oysters:

- R2 (3-4 mm): 750,000 (Barnstable County Bid)
- >1.25": 200,000
- Remote set bags: 400
- R2 (3-4 mm): 500,000 (Barnstable County Bid)
- 2.4 mm: 500,000
- .75": 100,000
- >1.25": 20,000 (more pending one vendor)
- Remote set bags: 400

### 4. New Business:

1. Hearing for the transfer of aquaculture licensed siteng006 in Barnstable Harbor from Cheryl Moniz, 34 Lisa Lane, West Barnstable, MA 02668 to Jack M. Bunnell, 897 Main Street, West Barnstable, MA 02668 for a period of 5 years. Public hearing to be held via Zoom, 07/20/2022 at 8:30AM via Zoom

Al Surprenant moves to recommend to town manager to approve this application, Robert Lancaster seconds. Letter from Cheryl Moniz stating she respectfully requests her aquaculture lease site ng006 license number 13-03 be transferred to Jack Bunnell. The question was raised if it could be done legally since he is not 18. Officer Croteau reached out to the legal department and they said if his parents could sign the license and provide proof of domicile as residents then this will all also provide proof for him. The site was actively used by ARC and they have been working on clearing it out. Bunnell has been working the last three summers and has his boating license. He will be growing oysters and quahogs, and his parents both have sites since 2014. The agreement will be signed by his parents. Unanimous vote in approval.

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

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects: None

7. Old Business: None

8. **Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** Patricia Farinha would like to look into some grant money to support equipment to assist Jake Angelo in removing muck (nuisance species of sponges) that he has raked up from the bottom of the Marstons Mills River. Needs some sort of dolly for

getting the baskets to a trailer once at shore. Councilor Clark suggested Barnstable Clean Water Coalition might be a venue to help write a grant for this.

Al Surprenant noted that North Bay is entirely moorings and has no room for anything else. He would like to discuss with whoever's responsible. Councilor Clark suggested perhaps they should invite the harbormaster or mooring officer to present where mooring fields are and the rates of change trends.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a Motion made by Robert Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Farinha to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA administrative assistant