

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: November 13, 2024
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM**

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

Shellfish Committee Members absent: Stuart Rapp

General Public present: Charles Floyd, John O’Dea Sullivan Engineering, Mark Begley, Tim Hammel, Jeff Daluz, Tyler Hagenstein, Jill Nawoichik, Dave Ryan, and Connor Rogan

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 November 13, 2024 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: October 9, 2024 minutes

The approval for the October 9, 2024 minutes are moved to the December 11th meeting.

2. Chairman’s Comments: None

3. Natural Resources Report / Correspondence:

1. Annual Propagation Report

Constable Croteau stated that 111 bushels of quahogs were moved to recreation only areas and 313 bushels were moved to areas for everyone. Handy Point was partially dug out then opened and Salten Point was opened. There were a total of 2,137,269 quahogs planted this year and unfortunately about 25-30% were lost due to flupsy/electricity problems this summer. 3 million quahogs were purchased from ARC and 1 million were purchased from Muscongus. Dermo was found to be present at Cotuit Town Dock, so no more than 150,000 oysters will be grown on the South Side each year to ensure the full crop is harvested in an effort to limit oysters hanging around with dermo.

This upcoming year, 700 remote set bags will be purchased, similarly to this year, 4.5 million quahogs for flupsies and 1 million oyster seed for flupsies will be purchased, and in-town contaminated relays in 2025 would like to be held. Constable Croteau stated that we will be budgeting accordingly and these numbers may change due to the prices for seed having gone up roughly 15% in the last two years.

2. Shellfish Growing Area Updates

Pending water quality, East Bay is set to open December 1st and Scudder to open December 6th. There will be specific maps for commercial dry dragging, and dry dragging areas are indicated with green buoys. There was an emergency amendment made to the rules and regulations for Commercial quahog daily harvest limits.

4. New Business:

1. Aquaculture Education Signs Draft Review

2. 2025 Shellfish Committee Meeting Schedule:

- Meetings Scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
- January - March meetings 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- April - October meetings 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- November - December 6:00pm - 8:00pm

January 8, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

February 12, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

March 12, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

April 9, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

May 14, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

June 11, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

July 9, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

August 13, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

September 10, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

October 8, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

November 12, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

December 10, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

All in favor of the Shellfish Committee meeting schedule by unanimous vote.

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

- 1. Transfer application with GIS map for the transfer of site NG027 (license #99-02) currently issued to Al Surprenant, 262 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 to David J. Ryan, Manager, Ryan Oyster 2 LLC, 415 Sampson’s Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 and issuance of a new license for a period of 5 years. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.**
- 2. Transfer application with GIS map for the transfer of site SG005 (license #16-08) currently issued to Al Surprenant, 262 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 to David J. Ryan, Manager, Ryan Oyster 2 LLC, 415 Sampson’s Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 and issuance of a new license for a period of 5 years. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.**
- 3. Transfer application with GIS map for the transfer of site NG032 (license #12-05) currently issued to Robyn Peterson, 262 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 to Cheryl A. Ryan, Manager, Ryan Oyster 1 LLC, 415 Sampson’s Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 and issuance of a new license for a period of 5 years. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.**

4. Renewal application with GIS map and amendment request to existing license #10-08 for site NG034 issued to Cape Cod Oyster Company, 262 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 to be amended as license #10-08 for site NG034 issued to Cape Cod Oyster Company, 415 Sampson's Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 with an additional request for the issuance and expiration date be to consistent with the transfers listed above. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.
5. Renewal application with GIS map and amendment request to existing license #98-01 for site NG026 issued to David J. Ryan, 415 Sampson's Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 to be amended as license #98-01 for site NG026 issued to David J. Ryan, Manager, Ryan Oyster 2 LLC, 415 Sampon's Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 with an additional request for the issuance and expiration date to be consistent with the transfers listed above. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.
6. Renewal application with GIS map and amendment request to existing license #03-02 for site NG031 issued to Cheryl A. Ryan, 415 Sampon's Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 to be amended as license #03-02 for site NG031 issued to Cheryl A. Ryan, Manager, Ryan Oyster 1 LLC, 415 Sampon's Mill Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635 with an additional request for the issuance and expiration date to be consistent with the transfers listed above. Public Hearing November 5, 2024 12:00PM via Zoom.

All 6 transfers and renewals were presented and voted on together. The transfers and renewals were requested to condense into either Dave Ryan, Manager of Ryan Oyster 2 LLC or Cheryl Ryan, Manager of Ryan Oyster 1 LLC after the regulation changes went into effect. Jake motioned to approve the transfers and renewals and Patricia seconded. All in favor.

6. Upcoming (and old) Proposed Coastal Projects:

1. Hyannisport Yacht Club Dock Phase 2 Rebuild

They are looking to move the floats but have not filed with the Conservation Committee yet. First, it will be filed with the Waterways Committee and then Conservation. Bob motioned to approve, and Patricia seconded. All in favor.

2. Applicant: Oyster Harbors Yacht Basin Realty Group
Project Location: 122 and 182 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 (#122 map 093 parcel 009, #182 map 093 parcel 027)
Representative: Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.; John O'Dea
Proposed Project: To perform maintenance dredging

Conservation Hearing Date: November 26, 2024 6:30PM via Zoom

John O'Dea from Sullivan Engineering was present to present this notice. Oyster Harbors is looking to do maintenance dredging, which was last permitted in 2016. It is in a prohibited Shellfish area, so Natural Resource has no oppositions. Bob motioned to approve, and Patricia seconded. All in favor.

7. Special Presentations: None

8. Old Business: None

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Tyler Hagenstein brought up a Notice of Intent that did not come before the Shellfish Committee about demolishing a house at 190 Harris Meadow in order to build larger, which would also increase septic activity and could in turn affect the water quality at the shellfish beds. It was suggested that anyone with concerns about this project write to and contact the Conservation Committee.

Mark Begley mentioned that there is finally another meeting for Scudder Lane. Constable Croteau confirmed that the “Spring Meeting” will finally be happening on November 21st in the Harborview Room at 5:00 pm.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously voted to approve a motion made by Bob and seconded by Jake at 7:05 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted: Alicia Lauzon – MEA Office Manager