

**Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting trailer at 131 Pleasant St.
Nantucket, MA 02554 &
Via Zoom
*HSAB meeting are video-recorded**

Members present: Andy Lowell, Dave Bossi, Dave Fronzuto, Scott Anderson, Ginger Andrews, Peter Brace

Members Absent: Stephen Payer

Marine Dept:

Natural Resources Dept:

Others: Emily Molden, Steve Leinbach

CALL TO ORDER

5:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved, 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of Nov. 15, 2022

Mr. Brace did not complete these minutes in time for the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Marine Department report – Sheila Lucey

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

General Natural Resources Department report – NRD staff

Ms. Riley, unable to attend this meeting, emailed her report to Mr. Brace so he could read it at the meeting.

Her report is as follows:

Commercial Scalloping is still averaging around 15 boats between the two harbors. Most everyone is finished by 11 a.m. and is still getting their limit. Estimates so far for November are around 1800 bushels. If we maintain 10 boats throughout the winter getting the limit, we are looking at a 5,000-6,000 bushel season. I am hoping to get out on the boats to see how things are going and talk to the scallopers in the next two weeks.

Our Department has posted Vince's coastal resiliency coordinator position on the town website-it will be open until December 16th. The WQ position will be posted before the holidays with a larger window for application.

We recently met with Urban Harbor to go over logistics for the Harbor Plan Revisions and the first meeting for January 2023 with new committee members (date not set yet).

The Sediment Transport Study and Dredge Plan was posted on November 23 and will close on January 12th.

The Miacomet Dredge Plan bid closes tomorrow December 7th.

Hatchery News: we are preparing for the arrival of our algae bioreactor in January (working on logistics for getting it across the beach and into the building (its heavy and large) we need to bring power to the unit and plan for a three day in person training on the equipment). We have been switching out tanks and building tank stands in order to accommodate our new algae system.

We have been working with Stephen Tettlebach and JJ Orth on developing a monitoring plan for the hatchery, fishery, and habitat for Nantucket and Madaket Harbors. This should be complete in February 2023 and will be sent to you for comments and review prior to finalizing. We are hoping for the selectboard to adopt these recommendations.

Mr. Brace also reported on Ms. Riley's behalf that Massachusetts Coastal For Risk Model, which allows users online to display various sea level heights, is live.

Mr. Lowell asked for an explanation of Vincent Murphy's new position with the Natural Resources Department (NRD). Mr. Brace explained that Mr. Murphy's new title would sustainability coordinator and that would oversee the Town's coastal technician, recycling coordinator, energy coordinator and the coastal resilience coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE DEPARTMENT / NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Dec. 20, 2022 HSAB meeting – Discussion

Mr. Lowell asked for HSAB comments on item. Mr. Brace said he would advise Mr. Bossi on how to run the hybrid meeting. Ms. Andrews and Mr. Bossi said they would both be attending this meeting.

Green crabs – Scott Anderson's ideas

Mr. Anderson said he would work up a proposal he can read or present to the Harbors Action Plan Committee when it begins meeting. He added that incentives needed to be created to get people to trap them and dispose of them

Harbors Action Plan Committee update & Discussion

Mr. Lowell updated the board on a potential at-large member for this committee who has applied for appointment by the Select Board, Steve Leinbach. Mr. Fronzuto said he supports Mr. Leinbach for this committee.

Mr. Lowell asked the HSAB to come up with recommendations to be included in the update of this plan. Mr. Anderson said he'd like to see stiffer penalties for property owners who discharge their pool water into the harbors. Mr. Fronzuto said the pool water should be run through filters before being discharged and a

protocol for doing this does exist. Ms. Andrews asked if the pool contractors were licensed in any way.

The HSAB agreed that the Town's fine needs to be higher than \$300 per day.

HEALTH OF THE HARBORS

Stormwater runoff and harbor impacts, and discussion of possible production of zones of contribution brochure with map for property owners

Mr. Bossi reported that He's working on this with David Gray and Ms. Riley. He added that there is a map showing zones of contribution that the town is going to update soon.

Mr. Brace noted that Harbor Watershed District would be a good place to start. Mr. Bossi said a GIS map does exist with all the neighborhood watersheds on it. Mr. Bossi said he'd keep working on this.

Excessive lawn fertilizer use: Update – Discussion – New information

No discussion.

FDA shellfish taking prohibition in mooring fields

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Coastal Resilience Advisory Board – Update

Mr. Brace did not have an update for the HSAB.

Sediment Transport & Dredge Plan – Discussion

Mr. Brace said the hiring of a consultant to create this plan went out to bid on Nov. 23, 2022.

Mr. Fronzuto said the bid request has to be posted in the federal register for 21 days. He added that the HSAB needed to be in

contact with NRD director Jeff Carlson to make sure he knows this board wants provide the person or company hired with its own recommendations.

Pool water discharge – Discussion

Mr. Fronzuto said that larger hotels downtown would do discharges responsibly but that today, probably five to ten pool contractors from the mainland are operating on Nantucket with not much oversight. Mr. Brace said it would be good for the board to know how many pools there were within the Nantucket Harbor Watershed District.

Mr. Fronzuto said with the help of an on island pool guy, he learn about all the chemicals that are used to create the salt water effect in pools.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

Ms. Molden said she was just listening in.

RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

Unanimously approved, 6-0, at 5:50 p.m.

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Future Meetings:

Dec. 20, 2022 and Jan. 3, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary

