

Agenda
Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023 at 5 p.m.
Meeting trailer, 131 Pleasant St., Nantucket, MA 02554

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of Aug. 1, 2023

Approved, 4-0 with Ms. Andrews abstaining.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

**Harbor watershed property owner information forum –
Logistics and Discussion**

Mr. Lowell expressed how he would open this workshop.

Mr. Bossi asked what audio/video technology would be available at this workshop.

Mr. Brace said he would reach out to Charles Douglas at NCTV to get this information and a step-by-step process for using the equipment at the Community Room at 4 Fairground Road. He added that if Jeff Carlson attends this workshop, he'll know how to get the laptop going in that room.

Mr. Bossi said the main theme of this workshop should be basic: informing people what pollutants flow into the harbor, how and what the impacts are, and then showing them how to find their properties on the Town's GIS page on its website. He added that it might not be a good idea to have too many representatives from relevant Town departments and nonprofit conservation groups speaking at the event because this might detract from the main purpose of the forum.

Mr. Anderson said the HSAB might do a brief PowerPoint presentation on the board's message on this topic with less than 12 slides.

Mr. Lowell said that he didn't want to exclude these people from the forum, but he wanted them to be there to answer questions if needed.

Mr. Brace said he would make copies of the audio/video setup procedure for the Community Room and bring them to the Sept. 5, 2023 meeting of the HSAB.

Mr. Anderson said it'll be important to talk with individual property owners one-on-one to find out where they live within the harbor watershed district and answer their questions directly.

Mr. Lowell reported that the stickers to be placed on all job site dumpsters warning people not to put toxic materials into them, a joint effort with Nantucket Shellfish Association (NSA) would be ready soon.

Mr. Lowell noted the recent passing of Neil Cocker.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

Unanimously approved, 5-0, at 5:33 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Sept. 5 and Sept. 19

Public Comment procedures for HSAB

Robert's Rules of Order

The Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board follows Robert's Rules of Order to govern its meetings as per the Town Code and Charter.

Quorum

If there is not quorum of members present, or if the meeting posting is not in compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Open Meeting Law, no meeting will be held. For more information on the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Attorney General's website at www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/

Public Participation

The Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board welcomes the always valuable input from the public during the discussion of agenda items at appropriate times during the meeting with recognition by the chair. For discussions of agenda items, the chair will introduce the item, take comments and questions from the board and staff, and then lastly, decide if it will take public input. Board members may then have questions on the clarity of information presented thus far. The HSAB will then hear any further staff input and then deliberate on a course of action before taking a vote.

Specific Public Comment

The Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board provides two public comment opportunities on its agenda, one for issues related the Marine and Natural Resources Departments, and one at the end of the meeting for all other issues. These Public Comment periods are not to be used to present charges or complaints against any specifically named individual, public or private; instead, all such charges or complaints should be presented in writing to the Harbormaster and/or the Natural Resources Director who can then give notice and an opportunity to be heard to the named individual as per MGL Ch. 39, s 23B, if applicable.

Proper Public Comment Protocol

The Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board welcomes concise statements on matters that are within its purview. However, under the state's Open Meeting Law, HSAB is not required to allow public comment and participation during its meetings. Rather, public comment is a privilege the HSAB affords those who attend its meetings. As such, HSAB expects the utmost level of civility and adherence to its public commenting/participation procedures outlined herein. To wit, any speaking without being recognized by the chair, personal remarks, attacks, shouting or cross-talk will not be tolerated. Those who wish to speak during the public comment period or on a specific item must do so by raising their hand to be recognized by the chair. As exceedingly long comments are not appropriate, generally, two to three minutes is sufficient to get your thoughts into the record. When recognized by the chair, please state your name and any organization(s) or individual(s) you may represent. And in the interest of time, if your position has already been stated, please say so and then affirm your position.