

**Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board  
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**\*HSAB meeting are video-recorded**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Marine Dept:**

**Natural Resources Dept:**

**Others:** Kona Hosier

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Lowell called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Lowell called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Andrews seconded that motion. The HSAB voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Draft minutes of March 19, 2024**

Mr. Lowell called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bossi made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Anderson seconded that motion. The HSAB voted 5-0 to approve the minutes

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

### **General Marine Department report – Sheila Lucey**

No report.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT**

### **General Natural Resources Department report – NRD staff**

No report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE DEPARTMENT / NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Continued review and update of shellfish regulations – Tara Riley**

Mr. Sjolund and Mr. Fronzuto joined the meeting at approximately 5:03 p.m.

Mr. Brace said the oyster farmers need to be in attendance for their input on proposed amendments to the shellfish regulations regarding aquaculture.

### **Harbor watershed public information outreach ideas – Report by Scott Anderson**

Mr. Anderson reported that he's spoken with Matt Liddle, the ecology teacher at the Nantucket New School. He reported that he is working with Sewers Superintendent David Gray on a possible field trip to the Surfside Sewage Treatment Plant during which the HSAB could give its

presentation. Mr. Anderson added that he is also working on streamlining and refining the presentation. Mr. Anderson also made an attempt at reaching Jillian Hausman of Sustainable Nantucket in an attempt at speaking to her students at the high school. Mr. Fronzuto offered his help to Mr. Anderson in reworking the presentation.

### **Harbors Action Plan Committee HSAB recommendations:**

Mr. Fronzuto explained each of the narratives he wrote for each of his recommendations.

#### **-Removing Marine Department from Police Department administrative jurisdiction**

Mr. Fronzuto said the NMHAPUC agreed with the HSAB's unanimous vote for supporting this idea.

#### **-Petrel Landing**

Mr. Fronzuto said the Nantucket and Madaket Harbors Action Plan Update Committee (NMHAPUC) agreed with the HSAB that a dinghy dock and some form of commercial fishing use should be part of the Nantucket Land Bank's plan for this property.

#### **-Ferry embarkation fee increase**

For this recommendation, Mr. Fronzuto stressed the phrase "very important as it pertains to past lost revenue" in relation to the 2023 annual Town Meeting in which the article for use of ferry embarkation fees that voters approved did not exempt commuter excursion embarkation fees from the excursion fares. Mr. Fronzuto said he would push for a committee to be formed to explore how to

expand the use of this revenue to actually help maintain waterfront infrastructure and increasing this fee.

### **-Alternate pier/boat ramp at West Jetty**

Ms. Andrews expressed her concerns about the impacts of this project on shorebird habitat. She asked if closing the cut in the east jetty could help build up beaches to create more habitat. Mr. Fronzuto said this recommendation is just for exploring the feasibility of such a pier. Mr. Brace said he supported Mr. Fronzuto's recommendations, stressing the importance of including them in the updated harbor plan because they become action items that remain visible and current as tasks to be completed rather than moldering in a study on a shelf. Mr. Bossi agreed. Mr. Brace asked when the HSAB would be sending its formal recommendation letter to the NMHAPUC. Mr. Fronzuto requested a vote by the board to send this letter to the NMHAPUC. Mr. Bossi made a motion to support Mr. Fronzuto's recommendation to the NMHAPUC as updated and to direct Mr. Brace to write a letter to the NMHAPUC detailing these recommendations. Mr. Anderson seconded that motion. The board voted 7-0 to approve this motion.

### **Final clarification of official harbor thermometer and red flag - Update**

Mr. Fronzuto said he recalled the flag pole would go up on the pier in front of the shellfish hatchery. Mr. Lowell said Mr. Johnson would be putting the pole up at the Town Pier. Mr. Lowell said he would get clarification from Mr. Johnson on this. Mr. Sjolund said he had questions about how quickly Weatherunderground refreshes its air temperature. Mr. Brace said Ms. Riley told the board that

Weatherunderground uses NOAA air temperature data collected at Steamboat Wharf.

### **Scallop shell pile hazards at landfill – Update**

Mr. Anderson reported how the runoff from this pile flows from the pile over Madaket Road.

## **HEALTH OF THE HARBORS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Conch harvesting - discussion**

Mr. Brace reminded the board that Dan Pronk and Matt Herr were to meet to discuss how work out the fishing of conch in Nantucket Harbor.

#### **Proposed dinghy regulations at Town Pier – Sheila Lucey – Discussion**

With Ms. Lucey not present at the meeting, so this discussion was continued to the next meeting under Old Business.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT**

No public comments.

### **RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Lowell praised Ms. Andrews for her dedication to the HSAB over two terms on the board. Ms. Andrews thanked the HSAB and said she would always remain a resource for the HSAB.

Mr. Sjolund reported that he and several other scallopers have been working with the shellfish hatchery staff moving

bay scallop seed from Bass Shoal to safer parts of the Nantucket Harbor. Mr. Fronzuto asked Mr. Brace to include this information in the HSAB's next quarterly report to the Select Board. Mr. Brace asked Mr. Sjolund to email him all of this information.

## **ADJOURN**

Mr. Lowell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bossi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded that motion. The HSAB voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

## **YOUTUBE LINK**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgEZGOvQqbl&list=P L49sKqpy7VAj6nJnAlrlKlxWm6VQTfuXg&index=2>

## **Future Meetings:**

May 7 and May 21

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter B. Brace, Secretary