

**Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road
*HSAB meeting are video-recorded and
available at Nantucket Government TV on YouTube**

Members present: Andy Lowell, Dave Fronzuto, Peter Brace,
Tom Szydowski, Dave Bossi, Ginger Andrews

Members Absent: Dan Pronk

Marine Dept:

Natural Resources Dept:

Others: Kona Hosier

CALL TO ORDER

5:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of May 18, 2021

Unanimously approved, 5-0, Mr. Szydowski abstained because he didn't attend the May 18, 2021 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Return to in-person meetings - Update

Mr. Brace updated the board on the return to in-person meetings starting on June 19. Regulatory boards will start first followed by non-regulatory boards including the HSAB. Mr. Lowell asked if any of the members had concerns about returning to the in-person meeting format.

Election Day reminder: June 15, 2021

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Election of HSAB officers

Mr. Lowell reminded the board that it will be electing officers at the July 6, 2021 meeting.

Summer meeting times

Mr. Lowell asked board members for their thoughts. Mr. Brace said he'd be off island for the Aug. 3, 2021, but that he could run and attend this meeting. The board agreed that meeting once in July and in August worked for all.

MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Marine Department report – Sheila Lucey

No report.

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

General Natural Resources Department report – NRD staff

Mr. Brace read a report from the NRD's shellfish biologist, Tara Riley. Her report is as follows:

I am submitting a verbal report for tonight due to a conflict. News from the hatchery: We just completed our fourth scallop spawn using scallops that were naturally ripe from off of the dock. We had a great morning and stocked 200 million fertilized eggs in our tanks. Our interns have started and are trained. We have installed the timeline panel that details the history of shellfishing on Nantucket and the kiosk also has our staff profiles-this is located in front of the boathouse on Brant Point. I submitted a collaborative

grant today between NRD and the deep-water oyster farmers to address the bird deterrent mandates. We plan on testing out four different deterrents (revisions to the oystergro floats) that may prevent birds from resting directly on the floats that hold the oysters. This will be sampling Madaket Harbor water this week and Nantucket Harbor on the 15th of this month (this is time/tide dependent). We also deployed our second set of spat lines today in both harbors. These are used to monitor natural spawn occurrence. Harbor water entering the hatchery this morning was 60 degrees. Mr. Fronzuto thanked Ms. Riley for submitting her report in her absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE DEPARTMENT / NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Update on proposed amendments to boat Airbnb and liveaboards regulations

Mr. Bossi said he read that the Select Board would be discussing these issues at its June 2, 2021 meeting. However, no one on the HSAB saw a public notice on this issue in the newspaper.

Oyster lease permit revocation: draft letter to Select Board – Discussion

Mr. Lowell reminded the HSAB of Ted Lambrecht's 45-day extension from the Select Board to get his boat ready and start removing his oyster cages from the bottom of the Head of the Harbor. Ms. Andrews asked if there was a progress report on Mr. Lambrecht. Mr. Brace said that NRD director Jeff Carlson planned to check in with Mr. Lambrecht on May 19.

Excessive sand in scallops/dredging plan - Discussion

Mr. Lowell updated the board on a dredging plan for Nantucket's harbors being ready for FY2023. Ms. Andrews said the increase of

the flow of water in Nantucket Harbor due the repair of jetties is moving more sand into the harbor. Mr. Lowell suggested setting depth markers in the harbor in various places to track the movement of sand around the harbor. Ms. Andrew agreed and said it would be good to check the soundings in the Cord of the Bay to see how they've changed. Mr. Fronzuto said he would bring in a chart of the harbor showing the depths of the harbor. Ms. Andrew said the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has historic shoreline maps of Nantucket. Mr. Brace mentioned that the "Nantucket Shoreline Survey: An Analysis of Nantucket Shoreline Erosion and Accretion Trends Since 1846" would be a good resource for the board.

HEALTH OF THE HARBORS

Excessive lawn fertilizer use – Update & discussion

No discussion.

FDA shellfish taking prohibition in mooring fields

Mr. Fronzuto reminded the board that the Town has pumped out more boat sewage than any other community in the state and that this could make a good case for lifting the FDA's prohibition of shellfish taking within mooring fields containing 20 or more boats. Also, that Nantucket was the second coastal town in Massachusetts to have its waters declared a federal no-discharge zone. Mr. Lowell noted that Nantucket probably gets more boats passing through its harbor than most other harbors in the state. Mr. Fronzuto said the town got another pumpout boat this year and that the boat basin has always worked to diligently to keep its boats pumped out.

Water quality testing during 2nd year of no Figawi - Reminder

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

May 25 CRAC meeting – Update

Mr. Brace updated the board on this meeting of the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee. Specifically, how the CRAC can show the public how high ocean is projected to rise for 10 years out, 20, 30, 40, 50, etcetera by some sort of markings on buildings down on the downtown waterfront. Mr. Lowell suggested the Macy Warehouse. Mr. Fronzuto said Young's Bike Shop has marking inside its shop. Mr. Brace said CRAC discussed projecting the marking onto the side of the Whaling Museum so Juice Bar patrons could see it. He added that the CRAC talked a lot about public education. Mr. Brace mentioned that he suggested to the CRAC that a short video be produced to be shown on the Town's website and at the Dreamland, but that the Town didn't have the money. Mr. Lowell suggested asking for funding from the Nantucket Shellfish Association.

Mr. Brace reported to the board on the second virtual open house for the Coastal Resilience Plan scheduled for June 24, 2021 and said this was an excellent opportunity for the subject of this discussion to be made public.

Mr. Bossi suggested a smart phone app that could be used to show the projected water levels.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Lowell reported on the most recent Nantucket Shellfish Association meeting and that the NSA is still committed to funding the dumpster stickers warning against the dumping of hazardous material in dumpsters.

ADJOURN

Unanimously approved, 6-0, at 6:03 p.m.

YOUTUBE MEETING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZZ1hXnt-II&list=PL49sKqpy7VAj6nJnAlrlKlxWm6VQTfuXg&index=3>

Future Meetings:

June 15 and July 6

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary