

**Shellfish Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**August 15, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 6:04 PM by its chairperson, Dave Roach. Also in attendance were Bill Nugent, Dan Molloy (at 6:07 to 6:25 PM), and Ann Jo Jackson, commission members; Tammy Cominelli, Acting Shellfish Constable; and Susanne Altenburger, interested party.

- I. Acceptance of the minutes for the meeting of June 30, 2017 - Bill moved to accept the minutes as presented; Ann Jo seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- II. Update on (PSP) redtide – Devon has not seen much in the last two weeks; only softshell clams and razors are open on the North Shore, with mussels anticipated to be reopened soon. Dave Roach asked about surf clams, and Devon responded that they were still closed, and expected them to be tested separately. The department will continue with other monitoring, and phytoplankton counts have all recently dropped. No DSP issues were reported. (Dan Molloy entered at 6:07 PM.)
- III. Staffing – The city is not replacing Dave Sargent until the 90 day appointment expires. Tammy hasn't been interviewed yet for her full time position application. She is breaking her 40 hours into needed and manageable segments. She anticipates only the full time position will be filled, not the 19-hour one, especially as what the city sees as the active season winds down. Jones and Little Rivers are active in the winter; there is much seed right now, and razors look good for the winter.
- IV. N.12 Closure. – Devon showed her sampling reports. Her first, of four, samples at Good Harbor was in late June, with some elevated counts all along the beach. The key station at the foot of Witham was in the mid-30's. She will follow up with the sewer department. When she returned two days later, counts were fine. Then on July 13, the counts were very high, over 80 (maximum allowed on instruments). A week later, the counts were back down again. She will return in dry periods of September, then follow up with conversations to see if the area can reopen. Animal control has been monitoring as well. (Dan left at 6:25 PM.)
- V. Information on the Shellfish Department Update. Ann Jo reported that, on the SAC website, Dave Roach had no address; Roger Hussey is listed but no longer a member; Nathaniel Mulcahy is not listed but a member; Dan Molloy's last name is misspelled as Malloy; Dave Sargent is listed as constable, rather than Tammy as Acting Constable. Tammy will take care of the needed corrections.
- VI. Daytime Meetings - Dan had raised the question. We will do 5:00 meetings on the second Tuesday of the month unless it is low tide. Tammy will look 4 months out and we will reschedule as needed.
- VII. Open Discussion – The Environmental Police have backed up Tammy with illegal harvesting on Wingaersheek. In terms of oyster aquaculture, the Bent family still inquires about the possibility on occasion. Dave reported a huge amount of regulation, but it is ultimately up to the city if they want to entertain aquaculture. No one is currently allowed to cultivate oysters recreationally; all licenses issued are commercial. Dave noted aquaculture has expanded from its original intent of being in areas that were not productive. The harbormaster would be involved because projects could interfere with navigation. It cannot take place in any prohibited area, and preferably not in conditional areas. The local pilot project uses sterilized water; and ultimately the oysters must either be destroyed or a growing area would be closed off (which would bring protest from the clambers). Susanne inquired about the use of off-shore wind farms structures to grow shellfish but Dave responded that the owners may not want public access. City hall is fielding phone calls that they don't have answers to. There was some discussion regarding algae and kelp aquaculture in Manchester by the Sea, and Devon will check it out. Susanne noted that the current local fishing fleet is unsustainable, and suggested making boat building a part of the high school curriculum, to tie into tourism, fishing, and education. She generously offered her knowledge via electronic media.

At 6:55 PM, Bill moved to adjourn, Ann Jo seconded the motion, and the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Jo Jackson

ATTACHMENTS  
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