



**Town Shellfish Crier
January 19, 2022**

1. Shellfish Advisory Board Hosts Public Meeting Tomorrow, January 20, at 6 p.m.

The Shellfish Advisory Board will hold a public meeting **tomorrow, Thursday, January 20, at 6 p.m.** to discuss and vote on the following Selectboard public hearing scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 25, at 6 p.m.:

- **Status of License Holder Aquacultural Research Corporation (A.R.C.) of Shellfish Grant License #792 with regards to Sections 7.8.1. Eligibility Requirements, and 7.8.2. Domicile Requirement and Exception.**

The Shellfish Department is happy to host this meeting at its office at the pier, but RSVP is required. If we do not hear from people wanting to attend in person, we will attend via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94214261094?pwd=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldydjNMZ1lYz09>

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2. Shellfish Advisory Board Hosts Public Meeting next Thursday, January 27, at 6 p.m.

The Shellfish Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, January 27, at 6 p.m.** to discuss ideas on **how the Town of Wellfleet should resolve grant boundary disputes per request of the Selectboard at its public hearing on October 12, 2021.** The Selectboard motion was: Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wilson Seconded; and it was voted to refer the issue of licensed area boundaries issues to the Shellfish Advisory Board for their recommendations and two or three options and potential costs to be returned to the Selectboard by January 15, 2022. Chair Curley Amended the Motion to be February 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Minutes of the Selectboard 10-12-2021 public hearing recorded the following discussion:

- Discuss grant boundary issues and disputes under Wellfleet's Shellfish Policy and Regulations, Sections 7.5, 7.19.1 & 7.23

Board Member DeVasto recused himself as a member of the board but stated he would like to reserve the right to participate in the conversation as a resident shellfisherman.

Wilson stated that this is an issue that has come up many times at the Shellfish Advisory Board Meetings. She gave details of options that were discussed, stating she would like to hear more about these options. Civetta stated she felt that a board member should speak to this. Taylor spoke to the Board stating that they have been discussing boundary disputes. She asked Siggia to speak to these concerns as well. Siggia spoke to the Board stating he feels this is a very important issue and they are looking at how to address the issue of boundary disputes. He went into detail about the grants and how they are town property. Chair Curley called on Aberdale to weigh in from the Marina Advisory Committee's standpoint. He stated there is boat safety and navigation issues regarding the town's

liability. He continued discussing what the Marina Advisory Committee has been working on and gave details about what the committee thinks and gave some suggestions. It was brought up that this may not be in the charge of the Marina Advisory Committee, which was argued by Aberdale.

The Board discussed at great length the options and protocols the Board has when addressing conflict. It was stated many times that there needs to be a method and protocol so when there is a different shellfish constable those set protocols can be followed. Chair Curley asked to hear from the shellfish community. Bruinooge spoke to the Board stating that they wrote a letter stating there are issues, stating some grants are being surveyed by GPS. They stated it is creating animosity between shellfisherman. Blakeley spoke to the Board, stating his many concerns. They continued to discuss issues and the way the board goes about approving grants and locations. Wilson stated more concerns she has with these issues. Civetta gave some facts about grants and how they are issued and who issues them.

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3. CORRECTION: Conservation Commission Meeting Today, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at 4 p.m. will discuss sand re-nourishment at 246 King Phillip Rd. NOT all of Indian Neck

The Shellfish and Conservation departments are working together to determine best ways to accomplish required beach nourishment while respecting the potential impacts to shellfish farms operating in the areas where the sand may migrate. We are hoping to schedule a joint Shellfish Advisory Board and Conservation Commission meeting this winter to discuss this in more detail. In the meantime, if you have ideas on this topic, during its business meeting tomorrow, the Conservation Commission will address **beach renourishment on 246 King Phillip Rd.** You can find this topic listed as “Gordon Peabody” on the agenda. You can join the Zoom Meeting as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/92807983538?pwd=YUhRYmNGOG9NZ09FaGlSSWljMmsvUT09>

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Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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