

Candidate nomination papers' deadline reminder

MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT

General Marine Department Report – Sheila Lucey

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

General Natural Resources report – NRD staff

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE AND OR NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Update on proposed amendments to boat Airbnb and liveaboards regulations

Oyster lease permit review – Discussion

Excessive sand in scallops/dredging plan - Discussion

HEALTH OF THE HARBORS

Excessive lawn fertilizer use – Update & discussion

FDA shellfish taking prohibition in mooring fields

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

RECAP AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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Future Meetings:

May 4 and May 18

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

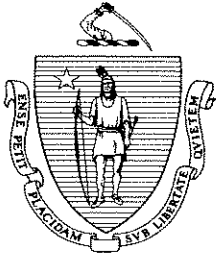
The Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board welcomes the always valuable input from the public during the discussion of agenda items at appropriate times during the meeting with recognition by the chair. For discussions of agenda items, the chair will introduce the item, take comments and questions from the 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.



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**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by “public bodies,” as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (“DPH”) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

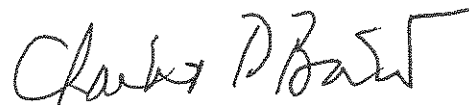
(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 6:40 PM this 12th day of
March, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles D. Baker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts