

**Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
*HSAB meeting are video-recorded**

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

Members Absent: Dave Fronzuto

Marine Dept:

Natural Resources Dept:

Others: Kona Hosier

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of Feb. 1, 2022

Unanimously approved, 6-0.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Ted Lambrecht transfer recommendation public hearing -
Update**

Mr. Brace reported that he had not yet heard from Town Administration when this issue would be taken up by the Select Board.

MARINE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Marine Department report – Sheila Lucey

No report.

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

General Natural Resources Department report – NRD staff

No report.

Mr. Lowell said he wanted to ask town biologist Tara Riley how mulch washed into the harbor impacts the harbor.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MARINE DEPARTMENT / NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Excessive sand in scallops/Dredging plan – Discussion

No discussion.

Fertilizer-ban articles – Discussion

Mr. Brace said he didn't have an update on where these articles were in the Finance Committee review process.

Ms. Andrews suggested there needs to be education first before fertilizer is banned so people know the why of this proposal.

Mr. Lowell reported his participation in a subcommittee of the Nantucket Shellfish Association (NSA).

Mr. Pronk asked if Nantucket is only allowed to use two or three types of fertilizer.

Mr. Szydlowski said the Town regulates commercial applicators of fertilizer, but island citizens can buy and apply whatever type of fertilizer and however much they want to apply. Mr. Brace said there would still need to be enforcement. Mr. Pronk agreed, but said he thought there was already a ban on a lot of fertilizers. Mr. Brace clarified that there isn't a ban but fertilizer application regulations for landscapers and gardeners. Ms. Andrews said it's the volume of fertilizer, not the specific products. Mr. Brace animal manure can sometime have more nitrogen in it than commercially produced fertilizers.

HEALTH OF THE HARBORS

Excessive lawn fertilizer use: Update – Discussion – New information

Mr. Lowell said the NSA's new secretary, Samantha Denette, asked to be added to the HSAB's email lists.

Mr. Bossi noted that the Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission (NP&EDC) is working on a potential way of banning fertilizer. Mr. Lowell asked that Mr. Bossi keep the HSAB updated on when the NP&EDC meets and when it will be discussing this issue so HSAB members could attend these meetings.

FDA shellfish taking prohibition in mooring fields

Mr. Brace said the HSAB is awaiting Ms. Riley's revised version of the letter she's going to send to the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMV).

Water quality testing

Mr. Lowell wondered aloud on the status of the proposed water quality testing lab on Nantucket.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Fuller's video showing lyngbia algae in the harbor - Discussion

Mr. Lowell urged the HSAB members to pass this video on to whoever else needs to see it. Mr. Pronk suggested getting the video onto all social media platforms.

Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee – Update

Mr. Brace said he didn't have report because the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee hadn't met recently.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

RECAP and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

Unanimously approved, 6-0, at 5:43 p.m.

YOUTUBE LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GRnZU94W1I&list=PL49sKqpy7VAj6nJnAlrIKlxWm6VQTfuXg&index=2>

Future Meetings:

March 1 and March 15

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary