

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
Bourne Community Building  
Bourne, MA 02532

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**Selectmen**

Stephen Mealy, Chairman  
Don Pickard, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Blanton, Clerk  
Don Ellis  
Peter Meier

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**Documents**

**6:30 pm Board of Selectmen**

**The Board may vote to convene an Executive Session to discuss complaints brought against an individual pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (1) and to reconvene in public session immediately thereafter.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chm. Mealy called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

**Moment of Silence for our Troops and our public safety personnel /Salute the Flag**

**Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items**

None requested.

Stephen Mealy stated there was public comment that we took in recently in email form relative to the public hearing for the proposed shellfish grant. We are going to read those within the public hearing.

**7) Special Recognition - Analise Rogers - Bourne's Representative to Project 351**

Tom Guerino spoke about Analise Rogers and how she had represented Bourne as a young Ambassador for a day of service, kindness and unity across the Commonwealth.

Bourne Middle School eighth-grader Analise Rogers represented Bourne this past January, joining ambassadors from the other 350 Massachusetts communities for a day of leadership and service.

Project 351 brings together students from across the Commonwealth to honor leaders, value kindness, and celebrate unity.

Project 351 celebrates the ethic of service, youth leadership, the merger of our Commonwealth, and the power of community to uplift and unite.

At the heart of Project 351 is the dedication and concern of our ambassadors. Youth are selected for that exemplary ethic of service and the values of kindness, compassion, humility, and generosity of spirit. It is an honor to hear the Ambassador's stories of service and to celebrate youth service, create transformative impact as Ambassadors, learn and lead at service sites across Boston. The launch of this Project 351 kicked off a year of unique service opportunities, results-based leadership training, and unity and friendship with a statewide community of peers.

The students were welcomed by Gov. Charles Baker before being broken into teams. Analise's team went to the Inquilinos Boricuas En Accion (IBA) where they painted the Visual Arts and Movements Studios and assembled Winter Care Kits for Villa Victoria seniors. The different teams then reunited at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum where Congressman Seth Moulton lead an afternoon Town Meeting.

Stephen Mealy read the proclamation.

There hereby know that all in the Town of Bourne hereby offers its congratulations to Analise Rogers for representing the town as an ambassador for a day of leadership and service. Project 351 brings together students from across the Commonwealth to honor leaders, value kindness, and celebrate unity. The entire town is proud of her efforts. This is given the 28th day of March 2016 on behalf of the Town of Bourne.

#### **8) 7:15 Public Hearing for Proposed Shellfish Grant, Patrick Ross**

Stephen Mealy stated one of the most important tasks of municipal officials is to conduct proper hearings. A hearing is merely a type of meeting. When a board acts collectively—whether it is a meeting or a hearing—it must abide by the open meeting law and any local procedures and the meeting is to be conducted fairly and calmly. This evening, the Order of the Public Hearing will be:

1. Call the Hearing to Order.
2. Roll call vote to open the hearing
3. Reading of Public Notification
4. Request for proof of notification
5. Ask the proponents to speak on their request, their presentation
6. Ask for comments from the members of the Board
7. Ask for comments from the public, read letters from supporters and opponents to the Application.
8. The Board will then vote to close the hearing, no more public testimony will be heard, although the BOS may ask questions. Discussion by the BOS is allowed, but not by the public. I will then ask for Motion and Second

9. Appropriate motions may include:
- Approve
  - Disapprove
  - Continue to a time and date certain

Are there any questions on the process we'll follow this evening?

This is a hearing to consider an application by Patrick Ross of 6 Benedict Rd., Bourne 02532, for the purpose of establishing an Agricultural/Shellfish Grant License within the municipal waters of the Town of Bourne within Buzzards Bay.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier to open a public hearing by roll call vote.

Mr. Meier - Yes; Mr. Pickard - Yes; Chair - Yes; Mr. Blanton - Yes; Mr. Ellis - Yes

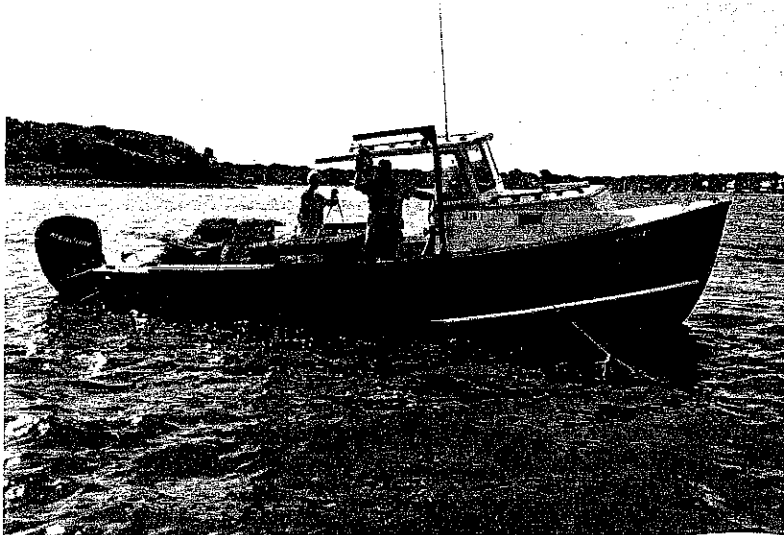
#### Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended and Rules and Regulation and Application Requirements promulgated by the Board of Selectmen that Patrick Ross, 6 Benedict Road, Bourne, MA 02532 filed an application dated January 29, 2016 to establish an Aquaculture/Shellfish Grant License within the municipal waters of the Town of Bourne within Buzzards Bay. The proposed site will be approximately 1.8 acres and will be located in the southwest corner of the bay known as "Little Bay". The application, including a plan showing the specific location of the proposed grant, can be viewed at Town Hall.

There was a notice published on the March 18, 2016 addition of the Cape Cod Times. A public hearing will be held on March 29, 2016 at 7:15 pm in the Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center, 239 Main Street Buzzards Bay, MA 02532.

Patrick Ross thanked the Board for the opportunity to present this again to the Board. Mr. Ross introduced himself and his wife/partner Jenny Ross.

Jenny Ross spoke about the proposal and went into a little detail on the proposal and the oyster farm, why they chose the location, and their involvement in the community.



## MONK'S COVE OYSTERS

SELECTMAN'S MEETING 3/29/16  
PATRICK+JENNY ROSS

### WHO WE ARE

- Patrick and Jenny Ross - We are the only two employees of Monk's Cove Oysters.
- Patrick grew up in Bourne, moved back to start a business in his hometown.
- Starting an oyster farm in the town of Bourne is to us, much more than simply a commercial enterprise. We are committed to sustainable farming and being a part of preserving our natural resources. We also see a bright future for more and more educational opportunities, similar to the work we've done with Bourne Community Boating. We want to give back to the town as much as possible.
- The Cape is known for its oysters. Oysters are a bite-sized postcard from the place they are grown. We have been contacted by restaurants from NYC to Seattle about selling our oysters. Wellfleet oysters and Barnstable oysters are well-known throughout the country. Putting Bourne on the map as the place where some of the best oysters in the country grow, is something we can all be proud of. And we celebrate our fall harvest each year at the Lobster Trap, which is a benefit for the Bourne Natural Classroom.
- We love history. We started our farm after learning that oyster farming was a huge industry at the turn of the 20th century, but most of the farms were wiped out when construction began on the Cape Cod Canal. We harvested our first crop of oysters the same month as the centennial celebration of the Cape Cod Canal, bringing the tradition back to Bourne.



# CURRENT AQUACULTURE PROCESS

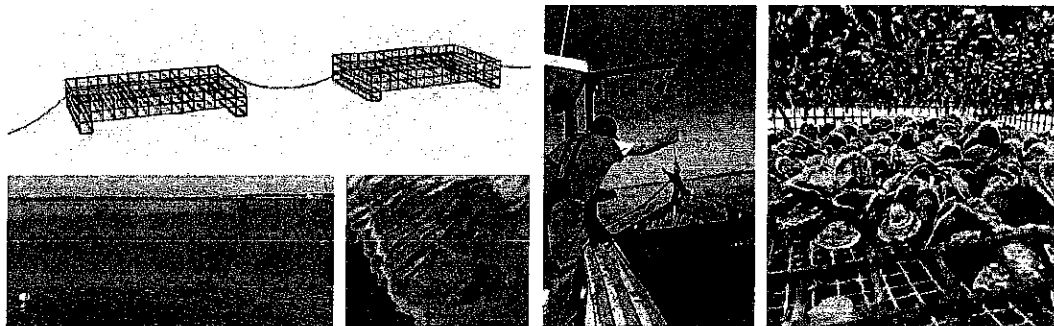
## **THE GROW-OUT OF BIVALVE SHELLFISH IS KNOWN AS AQUACULTURE.**

We purchase oyster "seed" from approved shellfish dealers, then grow it out on our farm until it reaches market size.

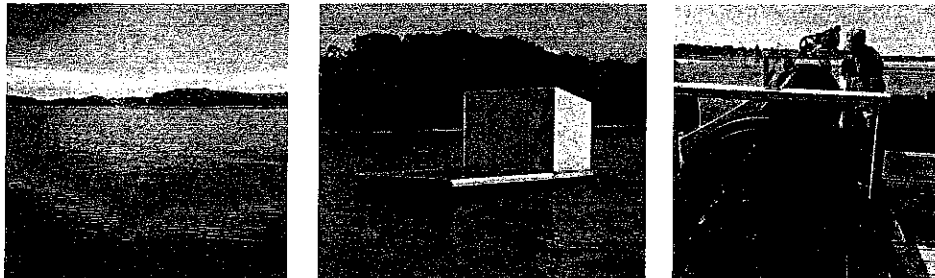


### **SUBTIDAL OYSTER FARMING**

The cages and bags that contain the oysters sit on the ocean floor, connected by long lines. we raise and lower the cages with the solar powered hauler and winch on our work boat.

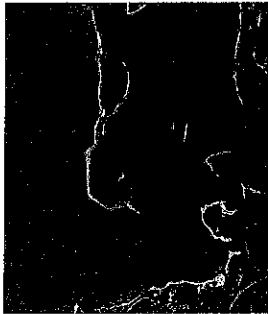


## CURRENT FARM



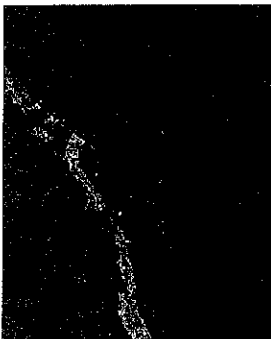
- 2.9 acres on Buzzards Bay side of Toby's Island.
- Moored floating workstation in Monk's Cove, used to sort oysters.
- We are challenged by weather conditions, especially southwest wind during prime work season during summer months
- There are limited days to safely work oysters due to weather, which results in decreased output
- This limits the types of growing methods that can be used.
- The location also limits opportunities for expanded education programs.

# CHOOSING AN EXPANSION LOCATION



PROPOSED SITE

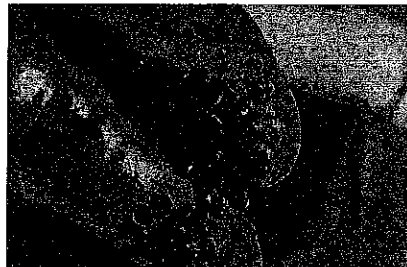
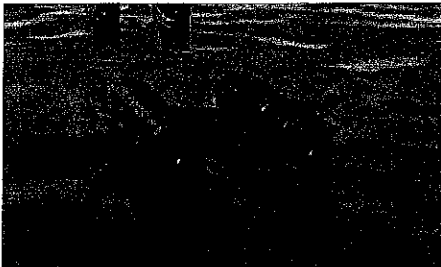
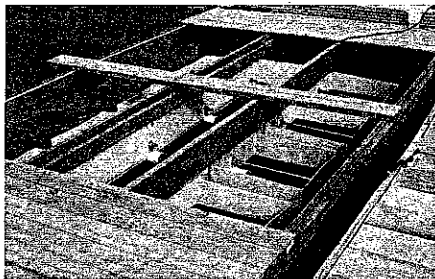
- The decision was a three year process - taken under very serious consideration
- Our highest priority was to ensure the location we chose had the least impact on recreational uses
- There are many regulations on where aquaculture can be sited:
  - no eel grass
  - no existing shellfish stocks
  - cannot overlap recreational activity areas such as shellfishing and boating
  - not near navigable channels



ROCKY SHORE ON TOBY'S ISLAND

- The shore near this area is too rocky to boat over, or to beach a boat. It's also difficult to pull a kayak or paddle board ashore due to the extremely rocky nature of the shoreline.
- It is outside of the permitted waterskiing zone, but still provides access to the entire shoreline of Toby's island. This land is owned by the Bourne Conservation Trust, and we are happy to have received their support.
- The Bourne Department of Natural Resources, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Coast Guard all have some level of regulatory approval and oversight of aquaculture sites.

# MONK'S COVE OYSTERS - FUTURE

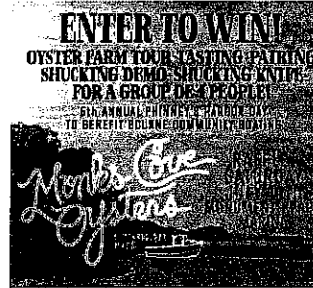


- The new area would be sufficiently protected from the elements to allow an upweller and floating gear to be used.
- This "nursery" area would improve rate of growth and survival of seed
- This allows us the ability to purchase smaller seed and control more of the growing process

# COMMUNITY

## ▶ Bourne Community Boating

-BCB BIOLOGY DAY AND PHINNEY'S HARBOR DAY CONTRIBUTIONS



SEVERAL ARTICLES ONLINE AND IN PRINT (EDIBLE CAPE COD BELOW)



THE LOBSTER TRAP 3RD ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY



## SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL



### **BENEFITS**

Oysters benefit the environment and aquaculture inside Little Bay would contribute to the wild stocks and over time, increase the oysters available to harvest at designated recreational areas.

### **SAFETY**

Local, state and government agencies carefully review applications such as ours to make sure there is no inherent risk to the public or the environment.

### **ACCESS**

This location will not limit access to recreational activities. We are not within the designated waterski area, nor are we overlapping recreational shellfishing areas. The area is rocky and dangerous to swim or boat, which would have the least impact for current recreation.

### **VISIBILITY**

The U.S. Coast Guard requires that we install and maintain adequate aids to navigation - it will be very clear where the boundaries of the farm are located.



Patrick Ross stated we started this process about 6-7 years ago, approached the town to grant aquaculture leases. Came back a few years later for a slight expansion of our site on the left side of Toby's Island. We were the first in many years to be drawing oysters.

Tom Guerino stated from the emails and the all phone calls he has received there seems to be a large concern to a hindrance of the quality of life and inability to continue the boating activities that people currently enjoy in that area. Will there be in interference with the public's recreations?

Patrick Ross explained where their location will be and how it shouldn't interfere with the public's recreational activities.

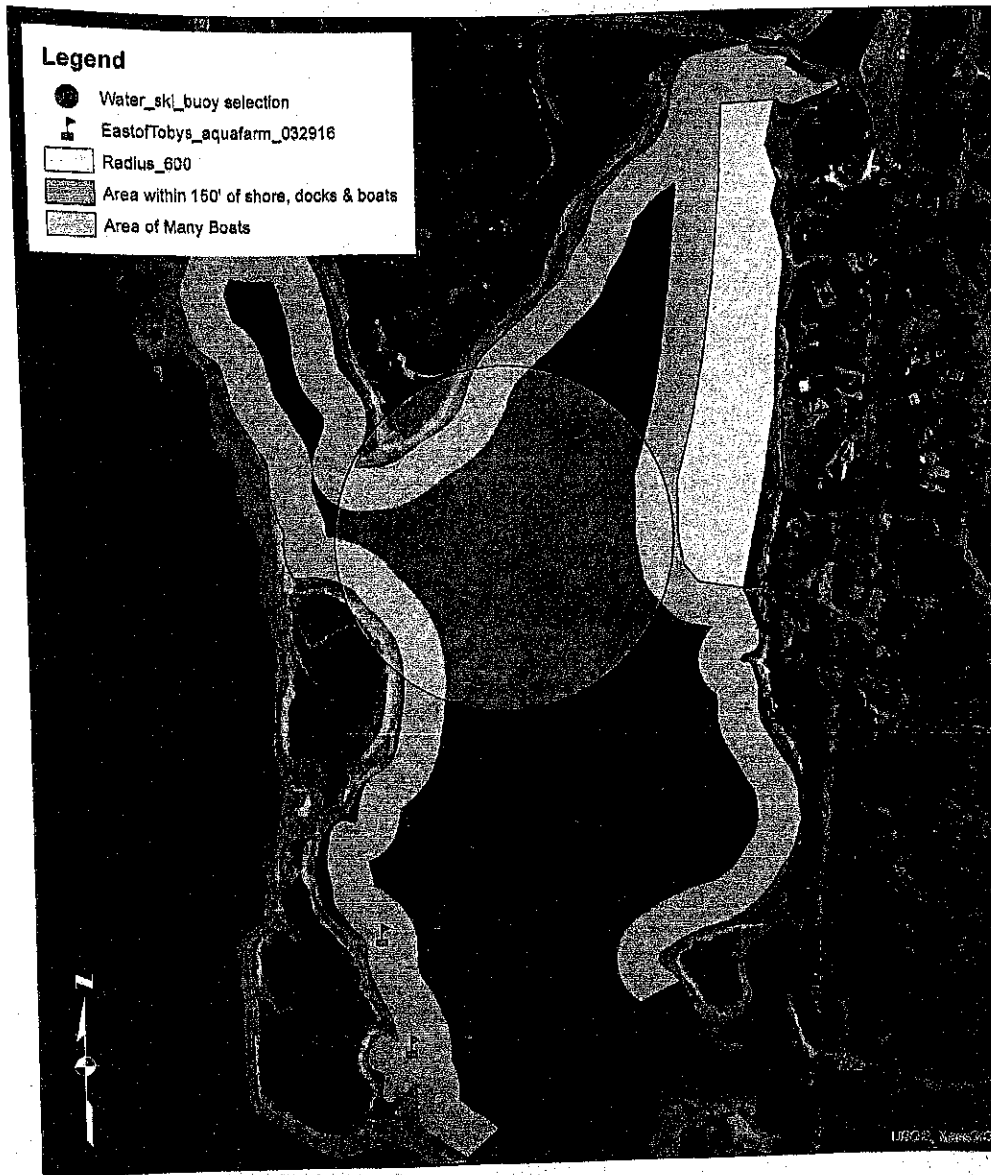
Don Ellis stated it is not new to the area it is an old Cape Cod industry. Very interested in how you approach this from a historic point of view and a way of dealing with shellfishing correctly.

Peter Meier read a section from the letter from the Conservation Agent dated February 9, 2016. "In the 3+ years since the grant has been established, there have been zero complaints filed with this department regarding the operation. I have personally visited the site and found that Mr. Ross runs a very well organized, professional operation that is fully compliant with all requisite conditions for the project. In fact, unless Mr. Ross is out working the grant, most folks would not even realize it is there. I do not see any detriment if Mr. Ross were to expand this grant and do not anticipate any adverse or negative impacts on resources that would result from an expanded agriculture operation in this area."

If the Conservation Agent is giving this recommendation, then I don't see a problem with you going forward with the present application.

Stephen Mealy questioned Mr. Ross if there is a difference from where you do it now on the outside of Toby Island to where you are proposing at Little Bay? Patrick Ross stated yes, the wind is one issue, protection from the wind and the waves. Floating gear would just get torn up on the outside of Toby's Island. There would be some floating gear in Little Bay, but it will be clearly marked.

Mr. Tim Mullen, Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Harbormaster for the Town of Bourne spoke about the proposed grant location.



**TOWN OF BOURNE**

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Timothy P. Lydon March 29, 2016

0 250 500 1,000 Feet

Source: Base map: Digital Orthophotography, flown 2013-2014, from MassGIS (accuracy +/- 10 feet at 95% confidence level at nominal scale 1:5000).  
 Parcels & roads maintained & updated by Bourne Planning Dept.  
 Datum: NAD 83. Projection: MA State Plane Mairland.

Note: This map is to be used for reference & planning purposes only and should not be used for legal survey, regulatory, engineering, conveyance, wetland delineation or other site-specific purposes.

**Little Bay**

The grant application is for a 1.8-acre site. It is located in a rocky area. We have designated water ski areas on the south west side of Bassets Island, east side of the Mashnee Dike the northerly portion of Buttermilk Bay, in Little Bay in Monument Beach. Following areas shall be posted for the use of waterskiing, anchorage of boats within 600 ft. radius of the log ski area markers as posted by the harbormaster is prohibited. The shellfish grant is approximately 1000 ft. to the south, it shouldn't have any effect on the people's ability to be tubing there. The grant shouldn't interfere

with any recreations in that area. You can access the island going behind the grant. It is in an area that is for the most part unproductive. This location would have floating pouches and the upweller will be located there.

Don Pickard spoke about the emails they have gotten about the proposed location for the grant. The number of folks in favor outnumbered the number of opposed. The common theme was the potential hindrance to recreation. According to Mr. Mullen this site is not a hazard to navigation and poses the least impact on other forms of recreation.

Mr. Mealy asked for comments from the public, letters of support, or opposition. Many members of the public commented stating they opposed the grant location and the reasons why or were for the grant location and their reasons why.

Members of the audience spoke.

Ken Legg, President of Bourne Community Boating, in favor of this location. Urge the Selectmen approve this.

Mr. Chris Stimpson, from Tahanto Road, spoke about the problem with this location. They are doing a great job at the other side of Tobey Island. This location is an above water location. It conflicts with kayakers and paddle boarders. It will force the kayakers and paddle boarders at low tide into the larger wake area and boaters. This has been a public recreation area for so long and now you are going to make it a private farm that will benefit two people with a motive for profit alters the nature and purpose in a manner that is not keeping with the public recreational gem that Little Bay is. It alters the nature of the area. It will be coordinating off an area from the public for a private enterprise. All

Don Pickard questioned Tim, the buoys that are identified as east of Toby's aqua-farm, how far are they off shore.

Tim Mullen stated far enough that kayakers or standup paddle boarders could pass between the shore and the grant and they would not be forced out into the main channel of Little Bay.

James Rossignol, Pocasset, handed out a printout of site coordinates from his chart plotter, opposes the proposed oyster farm location.

Stephen Mealy wanted clarification of the depth of the water at the around the proposed location. Tim Mullen stated there is enough water at the proposed location to navigate around that site with kayaks and paddle boards. That site was chosen specifically so people could navigate around that site. Mr. Mealy questioned what the distance is between the shoreline and the proposed site. Mr. Ross stated 175 feet.

Stacey DuBerger, Pocasset, stated it isn't right to take public use of one are and give it to a sole person.

Aaron Tobey Jr., Gray Gables, questioned Patrick Ross if he would you consider Little Bay to be a premium location for the oyster grant? Mr. Ross stated it is a suitable location. It is better than the location on the other side of Toby Island.

Marsha Granm, Tahanto Road, Pocasset, opposes the proposed the location.

Tim Sawyer, Gray Gables, opposes the proposed location.

Tim Mullen stated this has to be a non-productive area. If the Division of Marine Fisheries find there are too many shellfish in this area, for the criteria they set, they wouldn't permit it. Any action taken by the Board has to go through several reviews, first the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Frances Bogden, 58 Tahanto Road, opposes the proposed location.

Dan DuBerger, Pocasset, opposes the proposed location.

Dennis George, Tahanto Road, in favor of the proposed location.

Mr. Blanton questioned Mr. Mullen what is the duration on the term of the grant.

Mr. Mullen stated the original grant is for 1 year then it would be reviewed, it can then be granted for 3 years. There is opportunity for review.

Pamela Demaris, Pocasset, Is there another location for this grant?

Patrick Ross stated this was the best location that would work, and the proximity to the other location.

Barb Ducer, Tahanto, opposes the proposed location.

Carl Wirsen, Monument Beach, as far as an aquaculture site, he is in favor of this location.

Garrett Grant, Tahonto, opposes the proposed location.

Mark Shannon, 157 Tahonto Road, opposes the proposed location.

Ron Rose, Tahanto, opposes the proposed location.

David Sanches, 170 Jefferson Road, questioned the map the Mr. Mullen passed out and the distance from the shore to the grant location, opposes the proposed location.

Tim Mullen stated going by the coordinates that were provided, and based on the applicants best estimate it is somewhere around 100 to 125 feet. This is positioned to allow kayakers and paddle boarders to pass by on the shore side of the grant area. If this is off slightly when we plot it, we would be out there at low tide making sure people would be able to pass by at low water. It is not our intent to preclude people from accessing the island.

Matt Borelli 14 Navajo Road, questioned Mr. Ross what hours are you going to be working out there? He opposes the proposed location.

Mr. Ross stated town or state regulations is an hour after sunrise and an hour before sunset is the limitation for when you can be out there working. About your concern for noise, we don't use hydraulics, there is no generator, and it is almost completely silent.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier for the Board close the public hearing on the aquaculture grant permit of Mr. Patrick Ross for a 1.8-acre site east of Toby's Island.

Mr. Meier - Yes; Mr. Pickard - Yes; Chair - Yes; Mr. Blanton - Yes; Mr. Ellis - Yes.  
Vote 5-0.

Don Pickard commented we have had, as a Board, a number of correspondents by email some support and some not in favor of the grant location. If there were problems down the road the Harbor Master would talk to the owner of the potential grant and have it corrected or bring forth a recommendation if it isn't working. If the State agency found the area is harvesting oysters they would not allow the permit.

Michael Blanton commented that we did receive a lot of (20) emails 8 were opposed, 12 were in favor of the project. Mr. Blanton read some of the comments from those emails.

William Duserick, 149 Tahanto Road - I am strongly opposed to the proposed commercial oyster farm near Toby's Island.

Pamela Towne Waters - I oppose the allowing of this/these individuals to utilize that section.

Carl Wirsen - I am sending you this letter in support of Patrick Ross's application for a shellfish grant pertaining to an oyster farm in Little Bay.

Paula R Webster - I hope the selectmen will reconsider their decision and let the citizens have the use of Little Bay. Narrowing access to Little Bay will increase danger to boater's, swimmers, clambers and all who use this beautiful public resource.

Michelle Currier - It is a pleasure to see the fishermen and the farmers out there every day making a living and being a part of this community. I have been on the water paddling while the shellfish farmers are out there and they not in my way and I am not in their way, we actually appreciate each other being out there. I would encourage the Bourne Residents to support a local business.

Dana Anderson - We ask that the Board vote favorable on this grant request.

Paul Donoghue, 12 Andrea Rd. Pocasset - I have run in to those oyster farmers a few times and they are wonderful. Support the grant area.

John & Lindsay Morrill - We understand the positive impact that hardworking, local business have on the community and 100% support the efforts of Pat and Jenny Ross to continue to improve our

town as a whole. We hope you will grant them the expansion they are requesting to help them thrive as a small business in this a community.

Linda Wilson - I am a year round, tax paying citizen in the Town of Bourne and I support the aquaculture grant to help support business for the Town of Bourne and a hard working local family with roots also in the town. This grant will not interfere with recreational sports or views, but will promote business.

Erin Salamone - As a year round resident of Bourne I feel that the oyster farm is an asset to our community.

Russell Salamone, 597 Circuit Ave. Pocasset - I support the Aquaculture Grant Application for this Project. I feel that the support of small, family owned business in our community is extremely important to help drive and grow commerce in Bourne.

David Arch, 239 Barlow's Landing Rd, Pocasset - This is a great spot to proceed with a modern version of what has been a traditional waterman's occupation in our town for generations. Folks have made a living commercially harvesting shellfish in the town since before the town was incorporated. Aquaculture is a great way to continue that in a sustainable fashion long into the future.

Margaret - I would like to lend my support to Monk's Cove's application for an aquaculture grant.

Vincent Arnone & Claudia del Castillo, 10 Emerson Ave - my wife and I are year round, tax paying residents of Bourne and support the Aquaculture Grant application for supporting a local small business, also the benefits aquaculture has to water quality and shellfish population.

James Rossignol - I do not agree with the current oyster farm location that is proposed in little bay. The area is pristine and many including myself would like to keep it that way.

Susan Baracchini, Pocasset, I support his Aquaculture Grant Application because we should support our local, hardworking families, and our earnest Bourne businesses.

Mr. Blanton stated he feels the concerns of the viewers, but he would like to support this application. There are temporary limits in place to review the grant, this can be re-reviewed, if it turns out it does not work and is an interference there are opportunities to reverse the decision and not extend the permission for the license.

Don Ellis stated we do have an active 208 Program, the best way to deal with nitrogen and phosphate loading are oysters. This board will have an opportunity to come back and review this decision in a year.

Peter Meier commented he personally thinks it is a great use, if the location is moved other neighbors will come forward to oppose the new location.

Tim Mullen stated the closes abutter is the Bourne Conservation Trust, and they stated they have no objection to this site location.

Don Pickard stated it would be in the best interest to vote on this tonight.

Tom Guerino requested the emails that were sent to the Board regarding this issue be forwarded to him.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier to approve the aquaculture permit application submitted by Patrick Ross for a proposed 1.8-acre site East of Toby's Island with the approximate coordinates for the site being identified on page 3 of the application.

Mr. Meier - Yes; Mr. Pickard - Yes; Chair - Yes; Mr. Blanton - Yes; Mr. Ellis - Yes  
Vote 5-0.

#### 5) Minutes:

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier to approve the minutes from March 22, 2016 with two corrections Pg. 25 correct (Depallo) Depalla, and correct Shining (Shinning) Sea Bile Path. Vote 5-0.

#### 9) Shellfish Propagation Closures

Tim Mullen is recommending the board reclassify three shellfish areas this spring for the purpose of propagation and general management of the fishery. Would like to close the following areas. The area known as Ram Cove located in Little Bay; the second being the designated Recreational Area in Phinney's Harbor know as Toby's Island, North Side; the third being a section of the northeast corner of Little Buttermilk Bay adjacent to Old Head of the Bay Road. The propagation closures would be effective April 15, 2016 until approximately November 1<sup>st</sup>. We anticipate around 300-500 bushels in each area. The price will be between \$14-\$17 a bushel. The bushels will be mix of seed and adult quahogs. There are three shell-fisherman maybe a fourth participating in the program. April 1<sup>st</sup> we will get the bids back.

Peter Meier stated it reads that if the stock is planted after June 15<sup>th</sup> the area would have to remain closed through another spat season and likely through the following summer. Do you hope to get these done before June 15<sup>th</sup>? Mr. Mullen stated yes that is their intent. As part of our reparations from the settlement of the oil spill back in 2003 we will be receiving between 800-1000 quahogs every year in addition to this that will be paid for through the fund set up by the trustees with NOAA and Marine Fisheries, and a few other entities. This is strictly recreational areas that will receive this stock. We may designate a couple more areas or close some of the existing ones between one and two years. That is over and above two or three areas that we will continue to relay stock into annually.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier to accept the amendment 2016-1 for the shellfish regulations. Vote 5-0.

## 6) Correspondence

Michael Blanton brought the committee up to date on the correspondence.

- A. Eversource providing notice of planned and scheduled vegetation maintenance work on Otis Air Force Base, Joint Base Cape Cod Area.
- B. Letter from Duffy Health Center re: In from the Streets (IFTS) Program Request
- C. Letter from Preservation Education Celebration requesting a meeting re: Hoxie Center

Tom Guerino stated on the Duffy request that would require an appropriation in our Human Service area of the budget. The FY17 budget has no Human Service organization funding. If the board would like to discuss this it would have to be a supplement to what the board has provides for amendment to the budget.

## 11) Licenses/Appointments:

### a. **Phinney's Harbor Day - One Day Liquor - Weekday Amusement - Common Victualer**

Don Pickard went over the Phinney's Harbor Day application, which is an annual event. Phinney's Harbor Day will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016 between 7:30 am to 8:00 pm, which includes set up and take down. The application is complete; the insurance binder is completed. There's typical comment for food vendors, the BOH will be contacted.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Peter Meier to approve the one-day license for Phinney's Harbor Day, including the waiver of the requirement of parking stickers for that day. Vote 5-0.

## 10) Bourne School Building Committee Update/Report

Peter Meier stated he will defer this to next week. Please attend the meetings on Thursday nights.

## 12) Selectmen's Business

Peter Meier questioned the workshop; will we have it next month?

Tom Guerino stated yes, we will have a location and date established by Thursday.

Mr. Meier also asked the Chair if he has any information on the Main Street Steering Committee.

Stephen Mealy stated there is an application before the CPC for an additional \$500,000 for the Main Street Buzzards Bay Park. Last year the Town approved \$350,000 for the first phase. We are having a complete survey done for the Park. Looking at completing the installation of the irrigation system and the new underground electrical system and distribution system starting around August 1, 2016.

Peter Meier commented with all this work going in for the park and the commuter rail, we have too many vacant storefronts, when people visit. We need to create a bylaw to hold the landlords accountable for the disrepair for their buildings.



Don Pickard commented on the Fire Departments overtime. Will we be asking for reserve fund transfers to cover the cost or will we be taking it from other line items in their budget? Tom Guerino stated there is some money left in the normal salary account due to vacancies that will help make up some of that short fall. It will probably be a transfer from one salary account to another and maybe from one area of the budget to another. Will have to do an assessment of the salary line.

Stephen Mealy questions if we can have a biweekly or monthly report on this issue. Have the Chief come in and make a presentation to the board. Don Ellis stated when doing the assessment have him tell us why we have to do consistent overtime with the Fire Department, we don't get it with the Police Department or the DPW department.

Don Pickard stated there's a large variance between what the Fire Chief thinks he needs to run his department on overtime and what the Town has budgeted. Where are we going to get the money to pay their overtime?

### **13) Town Administrator's Report** **Cursory overview of goals status**

Tom Guerino commented on the budget stating we are coming to the point where we will have to finalize the budget; we have to go to print. You received an email from the Chair of the Finance Committee as it relates to the budget amendments; it indicated the debt piece for the DPW snow and ice account. Would like to put this on as a future agenda item.

### **14) Selectmen's Reports**

### **15) Other Business**

The next Bourne Selectmen meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

### **16) Adjourn**

**Voted** Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.