Digging Shellfish

The materials run the gamut from what shellfish are, to shellfish conservation, to how the animals clean the water.

"Going into it, most of my kids knew nothing about what shellfish were," said Cleary. "They knew crabs and lobsters; they didn’t actually know there were oysters and clams and people did this for living."

They also learned about the myriad waterways around Cape Cod, why animals that live in them matter, and perhaps most importantly why advocacy matters.

"Students learned that 'conservation' is a fancy word that means 'protect', what you can do to help your community," Cleary continued.

The trip to A.R.C. was the culmination of their learning, resulting in "Shellfish Ambassador" badges.

Ellen Minichello of Wellfleet Bay Wild life Sanctuary was standing, boats, in a salt pond a stone’s throw away from the A.R.C. buildings near Chapin Beach. About 20 students were arrayed in front of her on sloping sand for a "hands-on, minds-on" experience. The students had already told her that clams, or quahogs, like to bury themselves in sand.

"What about oysters?" Ellen asked.

Hands shot into the air and Sophie Lar- veree had a ready answer.

"They try and stick to something, like a rock," she said. Right again.

Breonna Mody, Daqjah Williams and Joa Vanetta were all measuring clams with a caliper and the groups were asked if they knew what the legal size was. One inch, they agreed.

"That was one of our questions in Jeop- ardy," said Daqjah.

The shellfish-themed quiz game they played a few days before included categories ranging from vocabulary to conservation to biologic threats to shellfish.

"What is the outer tissue of a clam called?" was the hardest question, said Madeline McCauley (although there was some disagreement about that). She knows the answer now: the mantle. A flip book that compared human and shellfish bodies also helped; for example, both have bellies.

The shellfish curriculum gave teachers the opportunity to fold in other disciplines, history to math.

Mel Sanderson, chief operating officer at the Fisherman’s Alliance and architect of the endeavor, was standing outside at A.R.C.’s upwellers, where shellfish move after being pampered for six weeks inside the hatchery.

"It was inspiring to see how excited the students were to hold baby oysters and dig for clams! Getting hands-on really connects them with why they should be shellfish ambassadors," Sanderson said.

Kenley Medeiros was most interested in the journey of tiny shellfish from when they spawn, getting a start in small buckets, to their steady progress to tanks, a downweller, an upweller and then on to different types of cages or to a grower.

"We figure out how many go in a bag when you send them to a farm," Medeiros said.

That required a math problem with a white board and calculator, using volu- metric measuring to avoid having to count every single animal—what the staff does to reassure the students.

"Nobody wants to count out 200,000 baby oysters," Sanderson said with a smile.

Although Jack Gula sees himself work- ing with bigger animals someday, like sharks, he thought the visit was close to perfect.

"It’s really fun for me," said Jack Gula. "Learning about actual creatures."

Doreen Leggett is the community journalist for the Cape Cod Commercial Fisherman’s Alliance. Her work appears monthly. She can be contacted at doreen@ capecodfishermen.org.

Steve Smith

Lorraine Smith, played big band jazz albums featuring drummer Gene Krupa. Those albums had a major influ- ence on me and when I expressed an interest in playing drums my folks found me a private drum instructor in nearby Brockton. My dad, Bruce Smith, was the editor of the Brockton Enterprise, and Billy Flanagan’s Drum Shop was just around the corner from the newspaper.

I studied with Billy, who was an exceptional teacher, from fourth grade through high school graduation.

What are your memories of spending summers in Chatham?

When I was 10 years old, in 1964, my folks bought a plot of land in Chatham and, as a family, we built a cozy cottage. We spent weekends in Chatham during the spring and summer and lived there every July and August during our school breaks. I spent many hours practicing drums in our basement each summer; thankfully our neighbors were supportive of my musical development.

I had a group of summer friends in Chatham that turned me on to rock music. My pal Darr “Pudge” Greenhalgh had access to his older brothers record collection and that’s when I first heard Jimi Hendrix, Cream and Led Zeppelin. The direction of the trio is the sound from the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, the years that music was being influenced and really spoke to me. That was in the late January 1978 I moved to Los Angeles looking for work. Again, through the audition process, I became the drummer for guitarist Montrose who was touring to promote his newly released instrumental rock album called “Open Fire.” We were the opening act for Journey’s first headline tour of the U.S. A few months later when the tour ended the guys in Journey asked me to move to San Francisco and join the band. I found their music to be interesting and as musicians I felt they were outstanding. In September 1978 I accepted their offer, joined the group and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where I lived for 28 years.

How long did you stay with Journey and what came next?

When I left Journey in 1985 my focus became my career as a sideman and band leader in the jazz world. My group Vital Information started recording and touring in 1983 and the band has been touring every year since. Vital Information played the Cape Cod Jazz Festival at the Waquoissett Resort a few years ago and had a fantastic experience. The venue is gorgeous and the audience is very appreciative of live jazz.

Tell us about the June 25 gig at the Cape Cod Jazz Festival.

For the past three years I’ve been touring with a group called The Groove Blue Organ Trio. Tony Monaco is our world-class Hammond B3 player and from Vital Information, Vinny Valentino is featured on guitar. The direction of the trio is the sound from the classic years of Blue Note Records; straight-ahead, in-the-pocket, swinging jazz. We also play some tunes with RB grooves and we’ve added a couple of vocal tunes to our repertoire. Earlier this year we toured Europe which included stops in Russia, Swit- zerland, Germany and England. Immediately after our Waquoissett engagement we play the Canadian jazz festival circuit. July 16 to 20 we’ll be in residence at the legendary jazz club Birdland in NYC.

How does it feel to be returning to your summer home?

These days I divide my time between a home in southern Oregon and an apartment in New York City, the center of the jazz world. My parents, Bruce and Lorraine Smith, are retired and live in Chatham year round.

Due to my demanding touring schedule—in addition to my jazz gigs I started touring with Journey again in 2016—I don’t get to visit my folks often, generally see them when I play in the Boston area. On Aug. 11, 2018, they came to Fenway Park when I performed there with Journey and on April 11 of this year they came into Cambridge when I played the Regatta Bar Jazz Club with Vital Information. It’s a rare privilege that I’ll be playing a venue so close to where they live. I’ll be traveling the Cape a couple of days before our show on June 25 for a long-overdue visit to the Chatham cottage they now call home.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 2, 2019

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 166, § 22, the Town Administrator will hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in the Harwich Town Hall Library, 732 Main Street, Harwich, MA in reference to the following matter:

A petition by NSTAR electric d.ha IVERSOL-BICE ELECTRIC COMPANY, requesting approval to install underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protective structures, in, under, across and along the following way or ways:

28 BANK STREET, HARBOR, MA

Proposed: To install approximately 10 +/- of conduit and cable in town road and it be granted a location for underground cables, conduits and manholes, together with such sustaining and protective structures, etc., as may be necessary. As shown on plans herewith marked Plan No 2321825 Dated May 2, 2019.

All abutters and other interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Town Administrator’s Office at 508-430-7531 or drop by Town Hall, 732 Main Street, Harwich where the information can be seen.

Christopher Clark

Town Administrator

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Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 166, § 22, the Town Administrator will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Chatham Meeting Room, 732 Main Street, Harwich, MA, at reference to the following matter:

A petition by MITR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCER ENERGY is requesting permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting poles, wires, cables and fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioner, along and along the following public ways:

MARY BETH LANE, HARWICH
PROPOSED

install one (1) new F0 mid span pole Pobe labeled S1515.5

Also permission to lay and maintain underground lateral, underground drops, underground equipment in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making electric connections to the poles and buildings as may desired for distributing purposes.

Petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a pole distance of 50 feet from the pole center line, using a standard 150 lb. parachute, attaching one way low voltage fire and police signaling wires for public safety purposes only.

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Christopher Clark
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TOWN OF CHATHAM ZONING BOARD APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Chatham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, starting at 4:00 PM in the Town Annex, Large Meeting Room, 261 George Ryder Rd, on the following applications:

Application No. 19-046: Lawrence P. and Jacquelyn Gordon, c/o David Nixon, Esq., 261 George Ryder Rd. The Applicant seeks to enlarge, extend, or change a nonconforming dwelling on a nonconforming lot via the construction of additions.

The following applicants have filed a Request for Determination of Applicability:

Paula Flanagan, 6 Ship’s Haven, Map 12 Parcel Y-3. Proposed construction of a garage addition and second story dormer, replacement of (2) existing bay windows, deck, and shed.

The following applicants have filed a Request for Determination of Conditions:

Kathleen A. Healey, 22 Captain Sears Way, Map 10A parcel C1-13. Proposed reconfiguration of the driveway; and upgrade of existing septic system.

The following applicants have requested an Amended Order of Conditions:

Mary Beth Heffernan, 54 Uncle Venies Road, Map 17 Parcel T1-1. Amended Order of Conditions.

The following applicant has filed a Request for Notice of Hearing:

Robin and William Morin, 25160 Old Salt Road, Map 18 Parcel T1-1. Request for Notice of Hearing.

The Chatham Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Ch. 131, § 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Chatham Wetlands Protection By-Law, and its Regulations, Article VII, § 2.B.2, on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in the Annex Meeting Room, 261 George Ryder Rd, Chatham, MA, for the purpose of determining whether the proposed application is consistent with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Ch. 131, § 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Town of Chatham Wetlands Protection By-Law. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

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The Harwich Planning Board will hold public meetings beginning no later than 6:30 PM on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Harwich Meeting Room, 732 Main St., Harwich, MA to consider the following applications. Anyone having interest in the application(s) is invited to attend to provide comment or may submit comments in writing.

PR19-23 Edson Eldridge, as applicant, c/o John D. McFerris, PLS, representative, Blue Line LLC, as owner seeks approval of a 2.54± acres Subdivision on Parcel N-5, Map 236, Book 30291, Page 40 to the Town of Harwich, 253 Nantucket Road, Map 22, Parcel W-2 in R-R & W-R Zoning Districts.

PR19-24 Wendy Grant Walter, as owner, c/o Wm. Crowell, Esq., representative, seeks approval of a Use Special Permit on a 0.9± acres Accessory Structure with a bedroom with the application is pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich §131-5.11-B, also the property is located at 55 Bank Street, Map 14, Parcel X213 in the R-4 Zoning District.

All documents related to the above case(s) are available on the Planning Board’s web site. Any person desiring a copy of said complaint, or a complaint in opposition there to may obtain a copy by giving notice in writing to the Harwich Planning Board at the Harwich Town Hall, 261 George Ryder Road, Harwich, MA 02645, for a period of not less than 45 days prior to the date set for the hearing.

If you now, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure action, you should consult your attorney mail a written appearance and answer in this court at c/o Town Clerk, Harwich MA 02645 or before July 15, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

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