

Minutes

Shellfish Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Call to Order/Quorum: Don Smith, Chair, Gary Robbins, Secretary, and members Jen Skala, Lesley Cosmano. Also present was Courtney O'Donnell, Town Manager

Absent: Peter Robbins

Three visitors from University of Maine joined us shortly after Call to Order

Old Business:

Conservation/Reseeding Application

Courtney informed the Committee the State had denied its application due to the need for more definitive information regarding the exact location, date, time, procedure, testing variables, equipment, data gathering and reporting of the proposed harvesting and reseeded project to be undertaken by the Committee.

The following were agreed to:

- 1. Project area is Mill Cove (Harbor side of bridge)**
- 2. Seeds will be taken from head of Mill Cove and planted at the Low Tide mark of same area (known as Campbell's Point).**
- 3. Area will be designated as a Closed Conservation Area and signs will be posted at High Tide mark as well as in general vicinity of the conservation area.**
- 4. Control will be planting seeds in mud vs in flower pots. Six pots will be used - three with netting covering pots vs three without netting.**
- 5. Success will be determined by whether or not the seeds have grown and are alive early next summer. Note: growth will be visible but not measureable**
- 6. Town Shellfish Warden, Officer Darren Moody, will be asked to patrol area to make sure it remains CLOSED.**
- 7. Officer Moody will be present on October 24, 6:30 a.m. to witness the harvesting and replanting project.**

Don will work on wording of signage with Courtney, and will also submit maps to her which will be included in filing the new application to the DMR.

Jen will secure the pots.

Courtney will check on netting.

Officer Moody's presence on Oct 24th was confirmed via phone call.

The Committee will meet on Oct 24th, at 6:30 a.m., area of Mill Cove Bridge

It was agreed that Hannah Annis from DMR would be invited to join us on Oct 24th

New Business:

1. Jen asked what the Committee thought about science students from Bucksport High School joining our Committee in the Conservation Project. Unanimous approval.

2. Don expressed concern over the procedure for securing a 24 hour clamming license.

With the Town Office being closed on Friday, such a license would need to be secured on Thursday and would then expire on Friday - before the weekend has really begun.

Motion was made (Don Smith), seconded (Lesley) , and voted unanimously to look into possible change of procedure for securing a short term, license.

Courtney explained that making a change in the process of securing such a license would require a change in the Ordinance. Any suggested change by the Committee would then need to be considered by the Selectmen before going to the Town for a vote. She gave each Committee Member a copy of the existing Ordinance so suggested changes could be worked on.

Set Next Meeting Date: November 14th, 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 4:35 p.m.

