

SHELLFISH MEETING

January 7, 2016

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:01pm.

I Roll Call:

Present: Abden Simmons, April Simmons, Chuck Reed, John Gatcombe, Clint Collamore, Bay Creamer, Wayne Harvey II

Others Present: Bill Bragg(Town Warden), Hanna Annis(Area Biologist), Emily Reinholt (City Planner)

II Approve minutes from prior meeting:

November 5, 2015 minutes. Motion to accept minutes by Gerald, 2nd by Clint, 7-0

III Shellfish Warden report (Bill Bragg):

- Town warden currently on “layoff” mode.
- State Marine Patrol personnel communicating regularly with town warden.
- 1 summons – Harvesting without a license.

IV Peck license restriction/State-Local commercial license holders, Hanna Annis (Area Biologist)

- Hanna distributed sections of each of these town Shellfish ordinances; Frenchman Bay, Brunswick, and Bristol. Then reviewed by each committee member.
- Hanna stated that it has been a major problem throughout areas of the State where folks who hold a State Commercial Shellfish license are buying a Town Recreational license to “dig” commercially. An “around the table” discussion took place where a decision was made to go forward and adopt the same restriction. Exact wording to the ordinance will be agreed upon at a later date.

V Recreational Licenses over 70 years of age:

- A motion to change the age from 70 to 60 years of age by Clint, 2nd by Wayne, 7-0

VI Non-Resident Commercial license cuts for 2016:

- Currently there are 17 Non-Resident Commercial license holders.
- A motion to return to the 10% minimum by cutting 3 licenses for 2016 by John, 2nd by Bay, 6-1

VII Other Business:

- Bill informed committee members there will be a benefit dinner and auction in February for the Sergeant Wilson family.
- Assistant warden training will take place in the Spring.
- Fisherman’s forum applications are available.
- Prior to section III (Shellfish Warden report), Emily Reinholt (City Planner) spoke. Asking for someone to represent the shellfish industry in up and coming “Focus Groups”. Secondly she talked about the “Clam Farm” project going on in Georgetown. This project was originally developed to combat the “green crab” problem. Now focusing on creating a more “controlled” environment. Emily said this group is looking to add 5 more communities. She asked if Waldoboro would be a good fit. A site visit to Georgetown is planned for the near future. Emily also asked if there was any interest in sending someone to this event. She agreed to send committee members a copy of the Shellfish section of their plan.

VI Motion to adjourn: by Clint, 2nd by John, 7-0

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April Simmons

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