

Shellfish Conservation Committee
May 3, 2021
Bristol Town Hall

Committee Members present: Scott Burke, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Poland, the minutes from March 2020 to March 2021 were unanimously approved.

Conservation.

Poland reported that 22 bushels of American oysters were moved from Damariscotta River to Pemaquid River during the conservation efforts held on May 1 and 2. Cheney, Poland, two commercial license holders and Poland's son contributed to the effort.

Student Licensing/Ordinance.

Lackovic reported back to the committee about a conversation had with Area Biologist H. Annis concerning student licenses. After review of the ordinance, Annis pointed out that any student license holder that has aged out and wishes to renew their license as an adult will be required to do conservation work to be grandfathered. The committee has not found a lot of guidelines on transitioning student commercial licenses to adult commercial licenses while keeping the allocation of commercial licenses low. It was decided to keep the ordinance as is with regards to student licensing. The current student license holder will be notified that conservation work will be required when he ages out.

Shellfish Warden.

The committee reviewed contract requirements for Shellfish Warden services with Barter. They support a one-year contract not to exceed 100 hours or \$3,000.00. A 30-day notice will be required for any modifications to the contract.

Pemaquid River Watershed.

Lackovic requested that FB Environmental do DNA testing at Pemaquid Falls.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Bizarro
Shellfish Conservation Committee Secretary