

**Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**May 6, 2019**  
**Bristol Town Hall**

*Committee Members present: Scott Burke, David Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine*

*Also present: Maggie Burns (FB Environmental)*

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

**Minutes.**

The minutes from April 2019 were unanimously approved.

**Watershed Project.**

Maggie Burns conferenced through the telephone. She reviewed the scope of work that was submitted from FB Environmental for the “second phase” of the Pemaquid River Watershed Project.

A one-time sampling will be done during dry weather, most likely in June. Cheney requested that more sampling be done closer to the estuary. Burns countered that sampling further upstream narrows down the source.

It was recognized that DNA testing provides the best results but is very expensive. Currently there is DNA testing for goose, human, cow and dog. The lab at UNH hopes to have a DNA testing marker for beaver by this summer. All committee members would like DNA testing done in Little Falls Brook. Tributaries located near Schoolhouse Cove, Coombs Cove & Redonnett Mill Road will be analyzed for nitrates, phosphorous, etc. These will include generic e. Coli tests.

Burns noted it would be helpful if the town had a septic plan.

Burns will re-submit another scope of work after adding the DNA testing to Little Falls Brook and updating prices.

**Conservation.**

Transplanted oysters will be placed in the upper portion of Pemaquid River. Poland has set crab traps there as well. They have yellow toggles.

Cheney was encouraged to submit reimbursement for gas and other expenses incurred during transplanting oysters.

Cheney will contact H. Annis and invite her to the conservation.

Adjournment at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be held on June 10 @ 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bizarro