

Shellfish Conservation Committee
May 11, 2020
Bristol Town Hall

Committee Members present: Scott Burke, David Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine
Also present: Ben Sack

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Watershed Plan.

Along with a septic survey of the Schoolhouse Cove area, FB Environmental recommends an inspection of the septic system at BCS. All agreed that Peter MacCready would be a good place to start.

Conservation.

Cheney reported to the committee about conservation work performed on May 9 & 10. Fourteen bushel (roughly 6000 American oysters) were transplanted from the Houston Brook area in Damariscotta River to Upper Pemaquid River. The oysters ranged in size from 2.5 inches to 6 inches. Two of Bristol's commercial license holders assisted Cheney. They spread the oysters out to get them in deep water. He was optimistic the oysters would survive and flourish. He noted that there were not many clam holes. The Fish Committee proposed a joint effort between them and the Shellfish committee for removal of beaver along the Pemaquid River. The Fish Committee was responsible for the removal of 8 beaver between the Biscay outlet and Boyd's Pond. (\$895). The Shellfish Committee was responsible for the removal of 12 beaver between Boyd's Pond and Pemaquid Falls. (\$1110). The invoice for the beaver removal was reviewed and approved.

Public Comment.

Sack questioned why there was no testing being done in Biscay Pond. Termine responded that the original watershed plan covered the Pemaquid River and its tributaries from the Bristol Mills Dam to the upper estuary portion of Pemaquid River. Sack questioned where the DMR survey was taken in 2018. DMR results and all documentation of the survey are kept on file in the Clerk's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.