

Shellfish Conservation Committee
September 9, 2019
Bristol Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

2020 Licenses.

A resident student contacted a committee member about obtaining a commercial student shellfish license. The committee unanimously approved the allocation of this license but would like the student to make a written request to the committee. Bizarro commented that she knew the student's mother and would contact her.

On a motion by Lackovic and seconded by Cheney the following shellfish licenses fees were agreed on unanimously.

Commercial Resident	\$440	\$200 (reduced fee for conservation performed)
Commercial Non-Resident	\$640	\$400 (reduced fee for conservation performed)
Recreational Resident	\$25	
Recreational Non-Resident	\$40	
Commercial Student Resident	\$100	

Watershed Project.

Lackovic questioned further participation in the Pemaquid River Watershed Plan. It was noted that there's a chicken coop on private property near Pemaquid Falls. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed for regulations on land usage in the shoreland zone.

Conservation.

After discussion and a motion by Lackovic and seconded by Cheney, it was agreed to open the municipal conservation closure in Upper Pemaquid River on January 1, 2020.

Burke reported a decrease in green crabs. Poland submitted a summary of his green crab trapping efforts for the past 3 years. Cheney reported the transplanted oysters in Upper Pemaquid River had grown 2 inches.

A sign will be posted next summer at the Harrington Cemetery for closure and parking purposes. A proposal for transplanting seed from Schoolhouse Cove was discussed. It was tabled until the October meeting.

Cheney suggested partnering with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust to create a pamphlet/guide to educate the public on positive actions to increase shellfish resources.

Ordinance Amendments.

Lackovic would like to have wording in the ordinance to clarify the transition from a student commercial license to an adult commercial license. Discussion and final wording will ensue at future meetings. Any changes made will be voted on in March at the Annual Town Meeting.

Adjournment at 8:08pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 7 @ 6pm. Agenda items to include: seed transplant, ordinance amendments, update on the Pemaquid River Watershed Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro