

Shellfish Conservation Committee
November 1, 2021
Bristol Town Hall

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

Also present: Myles Wotton

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Cheney, all approved the minutes from the October 4th meeting.

Conservation.

There was discussion about what type of buoy to use to mark the oyster transplant location in upper Pemaquid River. Cheney thought a small buoy preferable. He stated DMR uses digitalized GPS for aquaculture location sites. Lackovic suggested using crab traps as marker buoys.

There is currently a municipal indefinite closure in the upper portion of the Pemaquid River, including Schoolhouse Cove. For the past several years, the committee has opened this area in the winter months. All agreed unanimously to open the municipal closure from 12/1/2021 through 05/01/2022. Bizarro will file the request for opening with H. Annis, DMR biologist.

Student License.

Wotton attended the meeting to learn about the requirement of performing conservation work. He has held a Resident Student License for several years and is now required to do conservation work (or purchase it) due to his age. The committee explained that conservation was required in order to be "grandfathered" for the following year's license. He was also advised that 12 hours of conservation was required or purchased for 20\$/hr.

Miscellaneous.

Bizarro reported the supply of shellfish licenses were low. She sought approval from the committee to order more from local printers. She presented a mockup with a few changes from the previous license. All approved the lay-out. There was discussion on using waterproof paper for the licenses and whether the printing could be done in house or contracted out to a print supply.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Shellfish Committee Secretary