

**Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**March 7, 2017**  
**Bristol Town Hall**

*Committee Members present: Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine*  
*Also present: Hannah Annis*

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved.

**Ordinance Amendments.**

Annis informed the committee that DMR had reviewed all municipal ordinances. DMR's suggested amendments were looked over and noted. Most amendments dealt with minor changes in wording. Annis did suggest adding a conservation section, removing the 'regional advisory commission' section and reviewing/modifying the 'suspension' section and the 'grandfathered licenses' section. The committee plans on spending several meetings reviewing amendments, additions and deletions to the ordinance. Annis also suggested that a lottery plan be written. This would be a separate document from the ordinance.

The committee asked Annis for guidance with establishing a system for commercial licensees to either pay for their conservation or perform their conservation hours. Grandfathered licensees would have the option to 'buy' their conservation time at a certain cost per hour. The Shellfish Committee would allocate the licenses for a higher fee with DMR and if conservation hours were performed they could buy their license for a lower fee.

An example. Conservation time can be bought for \$10/hour. 12 hours are required each year. Resident commercial licenses would be allocated at \$320 apiece. If a licensee chose to pay for his/her conservation time than a license would cost \$320, if a licensee chose to work his/her conservation time than a license would cost \$200.

**Other Business.**

Annis gave updates on current LDs related to town shellfish programs.

Adjournment at 7:52pm

The next meeting will be held on April 3 @ 7pm.

Agenda items to include: Water quality specialist from DMR, further findings on NPS in Pemaquid River.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bizarro  
Staff liaison