

Shellfish Conservation Committee

July 17, 2017

Bristol Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Ordinance Amendments.

Committee discussion and vote of ordinance changes:

Section 5, Part A. Add a subsection between subsection 4 & 5 This section to read in its entirety:

"Taxpayer Recreational Shellfish License: This license is available to real estate and personal property taxpayers of this municipality and entitles the holder to dig and take no more than one peck of shellfish in any one day for personal use. A person holding a State of Maine Shellfish Commercial Harvesting License may not be issued or hold a taxpayer recreational shellfish harvest license."

Motion: Burke, Second: Termine, all approved.

Section 5, Part D, subsection 1. Change date from November 15 to November 1.

Motion: Burke, Second: Poland, all approved

Section 5, Part H. Add "within three years" after the word ordinance in the first line. Change the automatic suspension from 30 days to 90 days.

Motion: Lackovic, Second: Burke, all approved.

Section 5, Part H, subsection 2 & 3: Subsection 2: add the word "immediately" after the word effective. Remove all language after the word immediately. Subsection 3: Rearrange wording in second sentence and change 30 days to notify clerk to 15 days.

Motion: Termine, Second: Poland, all approved.

Section 6. **Add** "Based on the status of shellfish resources and other factors bearing on sound management, openings/closings will be made upon recommendation" to the beginning of second sentence. **Remove** "that the status of shellfish resource and other factors bearing on sound management indicate that an area should be opened or closed, the Municipal Officers may call a public hearing on ten days' notice published in a newspaper having general circulation in the town, stating the time, place, and subject matter of the hearing, and shall send a copy of the notice to the Department of Marine Resources. The decision of the Municipal Officers made after the hearing shall be based on findings of fact." **Add** "The town will provide notification to the public of conservation closures/openings in accordance with Department Regulations Chapter 7.50 (1) (c). This section requires a 5 day notice of openings and closings. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, take or possess shellfish from any closed area in the town. This is a violation and is punishable under 12 MRSA sec 6671."

Motion: Lackovic, Second: Termine, all approved.

Other Business.

The town was notified that DEP can offer partial funding for the Development of Lower Pemaquid River. All agreed that DNA water quality testing was the first priority.

Minutes.

The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously approved.

Adjournment at 8:17pm. The next meeting will be held on September 11 @ 7pm.

Agenda items to include: shellfish license fees, court fines, shell deposits, north branch

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro