

Shellfish Conservation Committee
December 3, 2018
Bristol Town Hall

Committee Members present: Scott Burke, Dave Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Steve Termine
Also present: Corey Poland

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Minutes.

The minutes of November 5 were unanimously approved.

Budget.

Current budget amounts were reviewed. The balance forward from 2017 was not included in the budget information. Rachel will report back to the committee with these numbers.

Warden Service.

LCSO made an error with billing for warden services. Usually Bristol and South Bristol split the cost of warden services. South Bristol was billed and paid for all of Q2 and will now have a credit for Q4. Bristol and South Bristol shared the cost for Q3. There was no warden services in Q1.

2019 Allocation/Lottery.

All of the following were reviewed and approved by the committee:

2019 Shellfish License Sale & Lottery Plan

2019 allocation approval from DMR

2019 Notice of License Sale to be published in the LCN

Discussion of the lottery application process. All applicants for the lottery need to sign an affidavit per section 5B of the ordinance. Rachel will prepare such affidavits for the January 2019 license sales.

An individual currently located out of state and summers in Bristol has inquired if it is possible to partake in the NR commercial lottery via email or mail. After some discussion, the committee agreed that this was appropriate as long as the license was paid for immediately (by phone) and picked up at the Town Office when the individual had returned to the area. It was pointed out that it was unlikely there would be a lottery for NR commercial license in 2019. (Following this meeting, C. Poland shared with Rachel that Title 12 § 6601 (3) states you must be a resident of Maine in order to hold a commercial shellfish license issued by the state.

Grants.

The committee received information about the Maine Shellfish Restoration and Resilience Project grant being offered by UMaine. Possible conservation projects were considered. It was agreed that introducing oysters into the Pemaquid River would be a good proposal for the grant money. Cheney will review the grant requirements and prepare something for the January meeting.

Adjournment at 8:50pm. The next meeting will be held on January 7 @ 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro