

## **Shellfish Conservation Committee**

**February 6, 2023**

### **New Harbor Fire Station**

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

*Also present: E. Poland*

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

#### **Minutes**

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Poland, all approved the minutes from the January 2023 meeting.

#### **Shellfish Management Mini-Grant Application**

The Committee is in favor of pursuing a mini grant offered by DMR Nearshore Marine Resources Program. This grant is being offered for up to \$5,000 to be used for projects that will improve management and conservation of municipally managed shellfish resources.

Ideas for use of this funding include:

Seeding barren coves with quahogs, oysters, or clams

Placing education signs at public landings, launches, beaches etc. regarding dog owners' responsibility to clean up after their dogs- to potentially include trash cans and dog waste bags

Nuisance goose removal, funds to potentially be used for ammunition, gas, goose disposal, reimbursement for committee member's time

Continue water testing with FB Environmental to identify sources of pollution

Examine mud acidity and assess whether there is a way to reverse this effect

The committee did not come to a decision on what to request grant funds for, the plan is for committee members to brainstorm ideas and reconnect via text message at the end of the week, 2/10/2022. An additional meeting time may need to be set to complete the grant application, application deadline on March 10, 2023

#### **DMR Annual Review**

Steve Lackovic will work on completing necessary paperwork with help from Jess Bourne.

The deadline for submitting the annual review forms is 4/1/2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Bourne

Shellfish Committee Secretary