

Shellfish Conservation Committee
March 4, 2019
Bristol Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Burke and seconded by Poland, the minutes from February 2019 were unanimously approved.

Conservation.

Termine brought a sample of mesh often used under cedar shingles as a possible use for collecting spat. He wondered if it would be useful for building the collection boxes or setting along posts in a marsh area or using as protection for newly set clams. Consideration was given to the vulnerability of the mesh to green crabs. Poland encouraged trying different methods to see what worked best. Lackovic noted that the spat collection boxes he was familiar with were made out of 'pet grade' window screening and strap wood. 3" was a good height as there was usually about 1" of sediment in the box.

As there was no news on the development of relocating oysters to Pemaquid River this item was tabled until the April meeting.

Grant.

Article 44 at this year's Town Meeting raises funds for the Lower Pemaquid Watershed Plan. A request of \$5,868.76 from surplus along with an expected allocation of \$2,500 from shellfish license revenue will fund the next steps of the plan. The \$5,620 grant award by the Maine Shellfish Restoration Fund will also be used for this project.

Miscellaneous.

Adjournment at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be held on April 1 @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro