

**Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**October 4, 2021**  
**Bristol Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

There was unanimous approval to accept the Shellfish Committee minutes from September 13.

**Pemaquid River Watershed.**

A report from FB Environmental on the Eastern Branch Fecal Source Tracking was distributed for review. A contract for poultry fecal source tracking in the Pemaquid Falls area discussed at the last meeting had not been received by the time of this meeting. If received before the next Select Board meeting on 10/6/2021, all committee members approved to forward the contract to the Selectmen.

**Seeding in Upper Pemaquid River.**

A property owner along the upper portion of the Pemaquid River would like to buy quahog seeds and broadcast them in areas where they are already naturally growing. He has been in contact with DMR who referred him to the Shellfish Committee. An approved DMR transplant permit is needed for legal possession of undersized shellfish. These permits are only issued to municipalities with shellfish management programs. Overall, the committee didn't think the quahogs would have a good chance of surviving if they were simply scattered. They thought there would be a better chance of survival if they were wintered-over in mesh bags.

**Conservation.**

Cheney would like to place buoy markers in the Pemaquid River area where they transplanted oysters in 2019, 2020 and 2021. He suggested contacting the DMR aquaculture program to find out what options the committee has to mark the area. They also discussed increasing the size of the municipal conservation closure. The current closure is north of a line extending from Drebelbis Point to Indian Island. Further consideration of this idea will be taken up at the next meeting.

All approved Termine's conservation work performed in summer 2021.

**Allocation/License Price.**

All agreed to keep the allocation and price of licenses the same as 2021. These are as follows:

10	Resident Commercial	\$440
2	Nonresident Commercial	\$640
1	Resident Student Commercial	\$100
100	Resident Recreational	\$25
10	Nonresident Recreational	\$40

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro  
Shellfish Committee Secretary