

Shellfish Conservation Committee

October 5, 2020

Bristol Town Hall

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

Also present: Kevin Dufour, Rand Maker, Pat Poole, Ben Sack

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Warden Services.

Maker reported that LCSO is currently logging 1-2 hours per week patrolling Bristol and South Bristol. He went over the billing process and, at present, all hours logged are split evenly between Bristol and South Bristol regardless of how much patrolling time was spent in each town. He reported that Sgt. Kevin Dennison is the main contact for Shellfish Warden Services. Maker shared Dennison's contact information and advised that email was the preferable way to contact him. Maker said the Department has several younger members that are interested in serving as Wardens, but Warden Training is currently on hold due to CoVID-19.

Maker fielded various harvesting/poaching concerns from the committee. He reenforced submitting a request anytime certain areas need to be checked and stated LCSO will make it a priority. He encouraged licensed harvesters to take pictures or videos of illegal activity as they provide a date/time stamp. He also advised to call dispatch if illegal activity is seen as a regular deputy can respond. Cheney suggested patrolling for poachers a few days before any areas are newly opened. Maker agreed it was a good idea and to send an email.

Allocation.

On a motion by Cheney and a second by Lackovic, it was unanimously approved to keep the allocation of shellfish licenses and their associated costs the same as the previous year.

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Commercial – Resident	10	\$440
Commercial – Nonresident	2	640
Commercial – Resident Student	1	100
Recreational – Resident	100	25
Recreational – Nonresident	10	40

Miscellaneous.

Poole reported that Seal Cove will be under a municipal conservation closure from January 1 – April 1.

There was discussion on the federal depredation Canadian goose permit which had been filed with USFWS and waiting a decision.

There was discussion about committee membership. An overview of the appointment process to serve on a town committee was given.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 at the Town Hall. Agenda items to include: Schoolhouse Cove Conservation Opening.