

**Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**October 23, 2019**  
**Bristol Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

**Minutes.**

On a motion by Lackovic and seconded by Burke, the minutes of May, June and September were approved unanimously.

**2020 Licenses.**

The committee did receive an email of interest from a resident student for a commercial license. On a motion by Lackovic and seconded by Cheney the following 2020 allocation for shellfish licenses were agreed on unanimously.

Commercial Resident	10
Commercial Non-Resident	2
Recreational Resident	100
Recreational Non-Resident	10
Commercial Student Resident	1

**Shoreland Activity along Pemaquid River.**

Discussion centered on a parcel being used for farming located along the Pemaquid River and the effects of this on the shellfish population. The owner has tilled several plots for gardening and keeps around 50 chickens. Review of SZO revealed the parcel owner is following the guidelines of the ordinance.

Cheney again suggested some sort of liaison between the shellfish committee and CRCT to educate landowners along the shores of shellfish habitats.

**Student Licenses/Ordinance Amendments.**

The committee is unsure how to handle the transfer of student licenses to adult licenses without increasing the allocation of adult licenses. Members felt the student license holders should get some sort of preference in the lottery process. An idea to keep a 'reserve list' of students until an adult commercial license became available was mentioned.

Bizarro reported that she had did a quick scan of municipal ordinances on DMR's website and found only a handful that addressed commercial student licenses being upgraded to adult commercial licenses. She will email area biologist, Hanna Annis, for guidance. Discussion and final wording will ensue at future meetings. Any changes made will be voted on in March at the Annual Town Meeting.

Adjournment at 8:02pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4 @ 6:30pm. Agenda items to include: seed transplant, ordinance amendments, update on the Pemaquid River Watershed Project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bizarro