

## **Shellfish Conservation Committee**

**9/11/2023**

### **Bristol Town Office**

*Committee Members Present: Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Scott Burke*

*Others Present: E. Poland, D. Fitch, Hannah Annis DMR, Jess Bourne Town Staff Liaison*

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Poland, the meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Poland, all approved the April Minutes as written.

### **Ordinance Amendments:**

- Discussed proposed changes to wording under license categories to add “taxpayer” after resident to stay consistent with other Town ordinances ie: moorings
- Discussed with Hannah Annis the wording in the section regarding student licenses, she thought the updates simply clarified the process through which a student can transition to an adult license.
- Hannah Annis suggested the committee double check all wording pertaining to the term “grandfathered” to ensure there are no contradictions. She also suggested that a definition of “grandfathered” be added to the ordinance
- A copy of the proposed amendments will be sent by Jess Bourne to Hannah Annis for further recommendations

### **Discussion of Aquaculture Moratorium vs. Municipal Lease**

- Lackovic suggested holding off on this item until the next meeting, however D. Fitch was in attendance to discuss this topic
- D. Fitch asked what the Committee’s opinion is on moratoriums on aquaculture leases, Lackovic stated that the Committee seems to have mixed opinions on moratoriums, but some further regulations could be helpful
- Some concerns presented by D. Fitch included:
  - riparian owners concerns about the views
  - suggested some sort of “zoning” similar to business districts
  - concerns with noise, plastics pollution, smells

- Lackovic and Hannah Annis both suggested that the best way for riparian owners and others to be involved in these decisions is to participate in the leasing process by attending any public hearings

#### **Follow up on septic inspection at BCS:**

- Email sent from John Carroll, Facilities Manager states that it does not appear that there are any remaining abandoned septic tanks from the old septic system, and an abandoned tank on the North side of the building dating back to the 1950's has been removed

#### **Update on Mini Grant Check In:**

Jess discussed the following questions with Meredith White from DMR:

- Describe the progress that you have made on your project? *Stations have been installed and supplies are being monitored/filled as needed.*
- What challenges have you faced as you have progressed through the project? *The station near Round Pond Harbor had to be removed as it was being misused by the public.*
- How have you overcome these challenges? *Removed the misused stations- intent is to donate to state park at Fort William Henry, have been unable to reach anyone at the state park level, Jess has emailed Neill DePaoli and Gary Best with no replies.*
- What are the next steps in your project? *Water testing by FB Environmental, continue monitoring station usage.*
- Meredith suggested that the Committee present findings at the Fisherman's Forum in February and/or at the Central Maine Regional Shellfish Meeting, scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2-4 pm in Bucksport

#### **Determination of next meeting and adjournment:**

On a motion by Lackovic and second by Poland the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Bourne  
Shellfish Committee Secretary

