

Shellfish Conservation Committee

May 2, 2016

Bristol Town Office

*Committee Members present: Scott Burke, David Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine.
Also present: Mike Cheney*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Committee Housekeeping.

On a motion made by Poland and seconded by Cheney, it was agreed to have Lackovic serve as Chairman.

On a motion made by Burke and seconded by Termine, it was agreed to have D. Cheney serve as Vice-Chairman.

On a motion made by Burke and seconded by D. Cheney, it was agreed to have Termine serve as Secretary.

On a motion made by Burke and seconded by D. Cheney, it was agreed to have M. Cheney serve as an alternate upon Selectmen approval.

On a motion made by D. Cheney and seconded by Lackovic, it was agreed to receive pay for meetings. \$60 for Chair and \$40 for all others.

Conservation.

- M. Cheney reported that conservation on 4/30 & 5/1 went well. There was a lot of healthy seed available and diggers picked their own spots for individual re-seeding. Due to rain, conservation ended two hours early on 5/1. M. Cheney recommended that each digger come back in early July and spend 2 hours on their seeding area. Rachel will contact diggers in July to remind them and they are to report their results back to her. There was a review of the Shellfish Transplant Activity Log that will be filed with DMR.
- Commercial license holders, Casad and Studley, did not show up for conservation. Hammond showed up for 3.5 hours on Sunday.
- Through a conversation between P. Poole and Lackovic on the flats, Poole offered the Bristol diggers who missed conservation to join South Bristol on 05/07 & 05/08. Committee members agreed to this.
- Casad had mentioned to Lackovic and D. Cheney that she was unable to do conservation this year due to medical reasons. On a motion made by D. Cheney and seconded by Lackovic it was unanimously agreed upon to accept a doctor's note from Casad in lieu of conservation work. They request that the doctor's note be dated before conservation dates and be turned in by Monday, May 9 at 4pm. Rachel will call Casad to let her know.
- K. Krah has trapped several beaver in the upper rivers. Committee discussed compensation. They all agreed to approve up to \$350 for compensation when Krah submits an invoice.
- On a motion made by Lackovic and seconded by Termine, all members agreed to put Schoolhouse Cove under conservation closure. Lackovic will coordinate with H. Annis from DMR.
- There was discussion about the condition of DMR's water quality test site #26.
- There was general discussion about not allowing night digging or Sunday digging in the Pemaquid River.
- There was general discussion of what types of work are being done for conservation and about having diggers pay money to opt out of conservation.

Warden Services.

The committee heard that Hatch may be on medical leave. Lackovic will contact Maker to determine how warden services will be handled by LCSO.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. The next meeting will be held on September 12 @ 7pm.

Agenda items to include: allocation, conservation, ordinance amendments

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro
Staff liaison