

# Shellfish Conservation Committee Minutes

DATE 09/06/2022 TIME: 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM

## Commission Members:

Attendance: A for absent, P for present

Attendance	Name	Town	Term
A	Stephen Demelle	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2023
P	Kevin Oliver	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2024
P	Len Kaminow	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2024
P	Judy Colby-George	Yarmouth	December 31, 2023
P	Brandy Adams	Yarmouth	December 31, 2022
		Yarmouth	December 31, 2023

## Staff Members:

Attendance	Name	Title/Role
P	Will Owen	Shellfish Warden
A	Randy Bates	Town Council Liaison
A	Ari Leach	Dept. of Marine Resources

## Guests/Diggers :

Minutes –

Votes/Quorum: All final votes of the commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present and voting provided a quorum is present. A quorum shall be deemed present if a minimum of four (4) members are present. A CHAPTER 305 10 quorum shall be required for the transaction of all business except that a smaller number can adjourn to another time.

## Reviewed Minutes for June 7, 2022

**Vote taken, 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.**

1. DISCUSSION	Warden's Report
See attached	
Jen Doten retired as Town Clerk and Lisa Grant is the new Town Clerk.	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

2. DISCUSSION	Ordinance Change/Civic Licenses	
<p data-bbox="235 359 535 401">Adding Civic license</p> <ul data-bbox="284 443 617 674" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="284 443 430 474">• No fee</li> <li data-bbox="284 478 506 510">• Open areas</li> <li data-bbox="284 514 521 546">• Up to 1 peck</li> <li data-bbox="284 550 617 581">• Check with Warden</li> <li data-bbox="284 585 430 617">• 3 days</li> <li data-bbox="284 621 500 653">• Group &lt; 20</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="154 705 1177 737">Judy will write up some language and we can discuss at Nov meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="154 779 1445 884">Question of Senior License with a limited # of bushels, short discussion on this with no resolution. Questions about why we would add a license and whether this is helpful with an aging workforce to allow younger people a way in without pushing out older diggers.</p>		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Judy will create Civic license language	Judy	11/1/2022

3. DISCUSSION	Spat Survey	
<p data-bbox="332 1155 1201 1228">Kevin is working on the boxes and Will will order the screen 1/8" galvanized hardware cloth of PET screening</p> <p data-bbox="332 1302 1429 1375">Once they are placed, there will be written summary of what is found and a photo taken to document the spat settlement.</p>		

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**4. DISCUSSION**    **Grant Report**

Amanda has sent in a few samples for the human dna testing. Should have results in October or November.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**OLD BUSINESS**    none

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ben Tupper was the Vice Chair and has resigned,  
**Nomination of Len Kaminow as Vice Chair**  
**Moved: Brandy Second: Judy**  
***Vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.***  
 Congratulations Len!

Emily Farr from Manomet would like to attend our October Meeting to go over the access data she has been working on.

Town Comprehensive Plan – The town is about to begin the comprehensive planning process. The shellfish committee would like to have input in the Marine Resource chapter as well as issues related to Working Front and access. Committee will let the Town Planner know our interest in being involved.

Planning Board-it has come to the attention of the commission that we may wish to comment on docks being added and extended related to their impact on the shellfish resources. Judy will write up a draft letter we can use to respond to the planning board.

**Next Meeting Date: October 4, 2022**

Meeting will be held at the **Community Room in the Town Hall at 6:30 pm.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

<b>Agenda items</b>	<b>Proposed time</b>	<b>Time for discussion</b>
1. Review minutes	6:30	5
2. Warden's report	6:35	10
3. Emily Farr	6:45	30
4. Ordinance Change Discussion	7:15	15
5. Grant report update	7:30	10
6. Old business	7:40	0
7. New business	7:40	20
8. Adjourn meeting	8:00	

**TIME MEETING ADJOURNED 7:50 pm**



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September 6th, 2022, Shellfish Committee Report

Checks range from June 7th, 2022, to Sept 6th, 2022.
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Day Locations Checked	312
Night Locations Checked	39
Contacts Made	2
Worm Diggers	5

Incentive Program Points 2022	M: Meeting	S: Survey
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Names	M 1-4-22	M 2-1-22	M 3-1-22	M 4-5-22	S 4-10-22	S 5-7-22
Brandy Adams	1	1	1	1	6	6
Stephen Demelle		1	1	1	6	6
Emily Farr					6	
Len Kaminow	1	1		1	6	
Jessica Joyce					6	
Andrew Feeney	1				6	
Ben Tupper	1	1	1	1	6	
Judy Colby-George	1	1	1	1		

Commercial Harvesters Conservation Time	M: Meeting	S: Survey
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	M 1-4-22	M 2-1-22	M 3-1-22	M 4-5-22	S 4-10-22	S 5-7-22
Kevin Oliver	1	1	1	1	6	

James Morrill	Green crabbing. Has not turned in logs yet.
Joe Delano	Not sure if he is green crabbing this year.