

Shellfish Conservation Committee Minutes

DATE 11/01/2022 TIME: 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM

Commission Members:

Attendance: A for absent, P for present

Attendance	Name	Town	Term
P	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 : none

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 Sept 9, 2022

Vote taken, 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.

1. DISCUSSION	Warden’s Report	
See attached		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

2. DISCUSSION	Assess to Flats	
Emily Farr from Manomet could not make it this month, she will plan to be here in December. Kevin is checking with her if she can make it on Dec 13 since Will has a conflict on Dec 6. If she can, we will see about moving our meeting to that date.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check with Emily about attending Dec 13	Judy	11/4/22
Check with Lisa if Community Room is free on Dec 13	Judy	11/11/22

3. DISCUSSION	Ordinance Change/Civic Licenses-Tabled until Dec Meeting	
<p>Adding Civic license</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fee • Open areas • Up to 1 peck • Check with Warden • 3 days • Group < 20 <p>Judy will write up some language and we can discuss at Nov meeting.</p> <p>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 away in without pushing out older diggers. Continued this discussion at the Nov meeting as well.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Write ordinance language for civic license	Judy	12/13/22

4. DISCUSSION	Grant Report	
<p>Tabled</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
check with Amanda and see if she has results	Judy	12/13/22

OLD BUSINESS

none

Write a letter for planning board regarding docks. – Judy will work on this but has not done so yet.

Spat Boxes-Kevin has finished the spat boxes. They look great. He will turn them over to Will to put on the screens. They will be ready to go this spring. The committee will revisit this in March.

Depuration Harvesting- further discussion about whether we can do anything to give the river time to recover and ask that there not be harvesting for a couple years. We are concerned about reduced spat settlement due to heavy harvesting in this area. We will continue to look at how we might work on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Can the committee chair have an email shellfish@yarmouthme.org that can be forwarded to the chair's email?

Conservation Closures: Should we put conservation closures on all state closed areas? We will continue to discuss this.

Calendar: Could we put together a calendar of yearly events so we know what is coming up? Also, do we have a long range plan for conservation activities? We started a plan, but it has not been operationalized. The committee will pick this back up in December.

Conservation activities: talked about seeding, wondering what the cost of seed is currently? Judy will look into this and report back.

The committee also would like to have more involvement from the Town Council representative. It would be helpful for them to attend our meeting. Judy will talk with Nat about it.

Will cannot attend the meeting on Dec 6, so Kevin is checking to see if Emily can make Dec. 13. If she can, Judy will check with Lisa Grant to see if we can have a room on Dec. 13.

Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

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

Agenda items	Proposed time	Time for discussion
1. Review minutes	6:30	5
2. Warden's report	6:35	10
3. Coastal access-Emily Farr from Manomet	6:45	30
4. Ordinance Change Discussion	7:15	15
5. Grant report update	7:30	10
6. Old business	7:40	10
7. New business	7:50	10
8. Adjourn meeting	8:00	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05 pm



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November 1st, 2022, Shellfish Committee Report

Checks range from Sept 6th, 2022, to November 1st, 2022.
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Day Locations Checked	136
Night Locations Checked	12
Contacts Made	0
Worm Diggers	0

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	M	S 9-18-22
Brandy Adams	1	1	1	1	6	6	1	6
Stephen Demelle		1	1	1	6	6	1	6
Emily Farr					6			
Len Kaminow	1	1		1	6		1	
Jessica Joyce					6			
Andrew Feeney	1				6			
Ben Tupper	1	1	1	1	6			
Judy Colby-George	1	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	M 9-6-22
Kevin Oliver	1	1	1	1	6		1

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