

Shellfish Conservation Committee Minutes

DATE 9/5/2023

TIME: 6:35 PM

MEETING LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM

Commission Members:

Attendance: A for absent, P for present

Attendance	Name	Town	Term
		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, 2025
P	Peter Hubbard	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 Discussion of the last meeting which had a quorum. Judy was not present at the April 4 meeting so not sure if there were minutes. No one had minutes from that meeting but the March meeting minute’s were approved. There were no minutes from the May and June meetings because there was no quorum. And no meetings were held in July or August.

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

2. DISCUSSION	Officers
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Kevin resigned effective immediately as the Chair of the committee. He will still continue to serve on the committee. The rest of the committee are appreciative of his service as chair over the past few years. For tonight Len, the Vice Chair will continue as the chair of the meeting.

We will discuss further at our next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

3. DISCUSSION	Conservation Activities
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We discussed the various conservation activities that we could work on.

- Surveys- do we continue to do them or look at hiring someone to do them?
- Shoreline surveys to locate land based/human based pollution leading to high P90 scores
- Refining the Eben Hill Pump State closure area.
- Seeding
- Upweller – grants to add to dock/using another upweller to grow seed
- Conservation Closures
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We need to choose one or two things that we are going to put our energy into, because we are a small committee and everything takes time and energy. We will continue to discuss.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Find prices for to have someone do surveys	Judy	10/3/23

4. DISCUSSION		Survey			
Date	Low Tide	Tide Level	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Survey Location
April 29	1:28 pm	+1.4	10:30 am	Winslow Park	Lanes Island
May 13	12:23 pm	+0.1	9:30 am	Town Landing	Middle Cousins - Survey was not held due to lack of participation
Sept 9	1:48 pm	+1.9	10:30	Town Landing	Survey will not be held due to lack of participation.
Sept 22 (Friday)	10:29	+1.5	8:30	Town Landing	Middle Cousins

Need to get survey data from Ari from April 29 survey as well as original sheets.

In order to ensure that we have 4 volunteers for any given survey, the commission would like to require that people sign up ahead of time. Anyone who puts their name on the sign up list for a given survey will be notified by the town either way so they know the status of the survey before it occurs.

Motion: Survey participants will need to provide 48 hours notice to the town clerk or their designee in order to participate in a survey. Notification to the town must be by 10 am 2 days prior to the survey (ie. if the survey is Sunday, notification by 10 am Friday). Participants will be notified by their notification preference the same day as the cutoff to volunteer whether or not the survey will be held. The survey will be cancelled if less than 4 volunteers register. The town will create a list of survey participants for notification purposes.

Moved by Judy/Second by Peter
Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email Ari	Judy	9/6/2023

5. DISCUSSION Review DMR Grant Proposal

We did not receive the grant.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

OLD BUSINESS	
NEW BUSINESS	
<p>Royal River has been reclassified and Upper Cousins will be reclassified due to P90 scores.-we will get new water quality data in February</p> <p>Spinney Creek dug for three days this year.</p> <p>The issue of the withdrawal and reinstatement of one commercial license this year was discussed. The committee had no information about this. The Shellfish Warden was asked if he knew anything about this issue and he responded that he did not.</p>	

Next Meeting Date: October 3, 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	5
3. Survey results	6:40	20
4. Discussion with DMR	7:00	10
5. Conservation Activities	7:10	20
6. Old business	7:30	15
7. New business	7:45	15
8. Adjourn meeting	8:00	

TIME ADJOURNED 8:10 pm



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September 5th, 2023, Shellfish Warden Committee Report. Officer Will Owen.

Checks range from March 8 th , 2023, to Sept 5 th , 2023.

Day Locations Checked	823
Night Locations Checked	126
Contacts Made	9
Worm Diggers	1

Incentive Program Points 2023	M: Meeting	S: Survey	RS: Regional Shellfish
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Names	M 1-13	M 3-7	M 4-4	S 4-29	M 9-5
Brandy Adams	1	1	1		
Stephen Demelle	1		1		
Peter Hubbard			1	6	
Len Kaminow	1	1			
Jessica Joyce					
Andrew Feeney		1	1		
Ben Tupper					
Judy Colby-George	1	1			

Commercial Harvesters Conservation Time	M: Meeting	S: Survey	RS: Regional Shellfish
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Names	M 1-13	M 3-7	M 4-4	RS 4-	S 4-29	M 9-5
Kevin Oliver	1	1	1	1		
Joe Delano					6	