

# Shellfish Conservation Committee Minutes

DATE: 5/7/2019 TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM

## Commission Members:

Attendance: A for absent, P for present

Attendance	Name	Town	Term
P	Harold Hibbard III	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2020
P	Kevin Oliver	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2021
A	Clifford Small	North Yarmouth	June 30, 2019
P	Judy Colby-George	Yarmouth	December 31, 2020
P	Dillon Hough	Yarmouth	December 31, 2019
P	Ben Tupper	Yarmouth	December 31, 2020

## Staff Members:

Attendance	Name	Title/Role
	Will Owen	Shellfish Warden
	Richard Plourde	Town Council Liaison
	Pete Thayer	Dept. of Marine Resources

## Guests/Diggers – Amanda Moeser & Todd Molloy

## 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 April, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

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

## Agenda topics

<b>1. DISCUSSION</b>	Warden's Report
Day Locations Checked: 169	
Night Locations Checked: 28	
Cotnacts Made: 4	
Worm Diggers: 3	
I saw Jimmy Morrill and Joe Delano on Lanes Island from the mainland.	
Summons: 1 (Digging in a closed area)	
Signed four LPAs, two off Cornfield Point and two newar the channel between Lanes and Little Mosher Island.	
Towns of Freeport and Yarmouth are looking into having Marine Units from each town sworn to enforce in both communities because we chare the line down the Cousins River and along Lanes Island.	

Will is going to add the conservation points accrued by individuals to future reports. Harold, Kevin, and Ben will be given points for the Little John survey which took place last month.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**2. DISCUSSION** Grant Proposal

Judy has not had time to do much work on collecting the data before we go out in the field. She has started to go through the permits and collect data for the properties in the areas we are going to look at.

- The fields she is currently gathering include:
- MapLot
  - Status (active, removed, remediated, question)
  - Problem (description from DMR or field observation)
  - ObserveDate (Date of Observation)
  - Action (recommended action or next steps)
  - ActionDate (Date action taken)
  - Comments

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Judy will continue to work on developing a process for collecting the data and which parcels we need to collect data for.	Judy	June 4

**3. DISCUSSION** Revisions to Licensing Method and Conservation Points

We had an in depth discussion around the Licensing and Conservation Points proposal. It was determined that we would simplify the process in the following ways:

- Section b – changed twelve hours to 15 credits
- Section c – rewrite to emphasize the process rather than the activities. The committee felt that it would be better to develop a transparent and fair process for having an activity proactively approved for points rather than try to identify the types of activities that would be acceptable in the ordinance. This will allow the committee to encourage participation in the activities that are most important to the committee in any given year.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Revise language and present for final recommendation to council by committee at June meeting	Dillon, Ben, Judy	June 4

<b>4. DISCUSSION</b>	Brochure Development	
<p>The committee voted that the brochure be forward to the town Manage for approval.</p> <p>Motion by Kevin, Second by Judy, Vote 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Ben will forward brochure to Nat for comment	Ben	June 4
<b>5. DISCUSSION</b>	Regional Shellfish Working Group presentation	
<p>Postponed to a future date</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
<b>6. DISCUSSION</b>	Survey Results	
<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> survey was conducted on April 28 on Outer Little John Island. 4.2 acres were surveyed and 22 clams were found.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> survey will be held on May 12, meet at Green Marine at 9:30 am</p> <p>A final survey is planned for Sept 22 on Lanes Island, meet at Town Landing 8:30 am.</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>		
<p>Will is going to ask Pete if he can be at our meeting next month, this will be his last meeting before he retires.</p> <p>He will also ask Pete if he will be at the Survey on Sunday.</p>		
<p><b>The committee voted to cancel the July &amp; August Meeting</b></p> <p>Motion by Kevin, Second by Judy, Vote 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain</p>		

**Ordinance changes** – since we are considering changing the conservation points, it would be good to consider any other changes so we can make them in one round of changes. Everyone should review the ordinance to see if there is language we want to discuss. Ben is interested in considering the language Freeport uses when a digger reaches 65, allowing them to keep their license while also opening up a new license for someone under 65. When the older digger retires, his license is retired with him.

Another question was raised about using Freeport diggers to assist in our conservation efforts, if we can work it out so they could get conservation points in Freeport for helping us. There was mixed opinion about whether this was a good idea or not, we will continue the discussion next month.

<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	<b>June 4, 2019</b>
<b>AGENDA:</b>	Agenda for Next Meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review Minutes</li><li>2. Warden's Report</li><li>3. Grant Proposal</li><li>4. Ordinance Language Revisions</li><li>5. Brochure Development</li><li>6. Survey Results</li><li>7. New Business</li><li>8. Set Agenda</li></ol>

**TIME MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9 pm