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Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 10, 2011
6:00 PM – East Conference Room, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Brown (Chairman), Bill Kenny, Charles Adams, Dan Holt, Bob Maloney, Harland Storey

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Shane, Lt. Milton Calder, Councilor Gruber

EXCUSED: Jessica Joyce

I. Roll Call & Welcome

II. Approval of October 20, 2011 minutes

Motion by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Adams to accept the minutes as presented.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

III. Final ordinance review for November 28th Town Council Meeting

The committee reviewed the ordinance amendments from the October 20th meeting and make the following recommendations/changes:

Addition of the definition of “peck”:

Lt. Calder showed the committee the state-issued bucket used for enforcement when measuring a peck (approximately the size of a 10-12 quart pail). The committee discussed a way to define a peck, as it is not a weight. Mr. Kenny asked why a definition has to be in the ordinance since it is an enforcement issue. Chairman Brown pointed out that if “peck” was added as a definition, then a “bushel” would also have to be defined. The committee decided not to add a definition for “peck”.

Increase in age from 62 to 70 for Senior License:

The committee agreed to increase the age to 70.

SECTION 107. HARVESTING:

Lt. Calder said that it hasn't been an enforcement issue with the language stating shellfish harvesting begins ½ hour before sunrise and ends ½ hour after sunset. The committee decided not to change this language.

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kenny to make the following amendment to Section 107, Harvesting:

In an effort to maintain shoreline stability, shellfish harvesting is prohibited **within (2') two feet of eelgrass areas in or adjacent to areas of eelgrass**, (*Zostera marina*) and salt marsh cord grass (*spartina alterni flora*).

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

Motion by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Kenny, to approve the ordinance as amended at the October 20th and November 10th Shellfish Conservation Commission meetings.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

IV. Review of 2012 license allocation letter to Town Council

Councilor Gruber suggested adding language to the letter stating that the allocations are the same as 2011.

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Holt, to approve the 2012 license allocation letter with the one addition stated above.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

V. Other Business

Mr. Adams asked the Manager for an update on the new access point improvements.

Mr. Shane said that he hopes to go before Planning Board in December for a Shoreland zoning review to be granted permission to put steps down to the shoreline.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kenny, to adjourn.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Commission Secretary