



S H E L L F I S H C O N S E R V A T I O N C O M M I S S I O N

Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, August 31, 2011** **5:30 PM – East Conference Room, Town Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Adams, Harland Storey, Mike Brown, Daniel Holt, Jessica Joyce, Bob Maloney
OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Shane & Police Chief Charron

I. Roll Call & Welcome

Chairman welcomed the committee members present.

II. Update on closure

III. Ordinance review and input for updates/amendments

Chairman Brown asked the committee to review the ordinance and suggest any changes or modifications that they feel need to be made.

Mr. Adams said that in Section 114 (License Expiration Date) it reads that each shellfish license expires on December 31st, but his 2011 license expired on May 31st. If the state plans to continue its seasonal closure, that language may have to be removed.

Town Manager Shane said that since the clam flats will reopen on November 1st, license issued this year with expirations of May 31, 2011 will be extended to December 31st. Postcards will be mailed to license holders advising them that the expiration date will be extended.

Chairman Brown asked the committee to think about the conservation fee that was instated last year, and whether senior citizens (who get their license free) should pay the \$10.00 conservation fee. There was some confusion regarding this when he went before the Town Council last year and he would like to know if that is the committees' intent.

IV. Review of DMR Shoreline Survey Report

Chairman Brown referenced page 52 of the report that said "...if these stations show similar water quality trends as station WI 27, then it is recommended that the southern portion of the Cumberland shoreline be evaluated for an upward classification to approved year round". This sounds like perhaps as early as next year the flats will be split into two separate zones, one that is open in the summer and one that is closed in the summer.

Town Manager Shane said that results of the split sampling have not been good. Two of the last four tests failed. These results make him not so optimistic about the possibility of reopening. There is still some pollution flowing northward.

Chairman Brown referred to another section of the report that said that DMR recommended intensifying the search for the pollution source affecting Broad Cove. Mr. Brown attempted to contact Glen Nutting of DMR to make plans to meet and discuss how the Town and DMR can work together to achieve this goal.

Town Manager Shane said that the Town and Portland Water District have a meeting scheduled to discuss looking into leaking sewer systems and elicit discharges from the wastewater system along the shoreline. There are high levels of inflow and infiltration that may be related to some pipes discharging onto the shore.

Chief Charron said that there was a house on Middle Road that he thought had a failing septic system for some time and was just replaced within the past year. Since that time, the tests results have improved.

Town Manager Shane said that he would check with the Code Enforcement Officer to see if there was a permit for replacement of the septic system at that property.

Chairman Brown said it would be helpful to correlate replacement of that system with improvement in test scores.

*it was discovered that the septic system at 161 Middle Road was replaced in September 2010.

V. Update on outreach activities

Jessica Joyce updated the committee on the subcommittees' activities. They held two educational events in May on Yardscaping presented by Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District. The focus on these sessions was the importance not using chemicals and alternative treatments for lawns or pests.

There will be a fall storm drain stenciling event that will involve approximately 30 Greely High School Environmental Science students. The stencils will remind residents to be mindful of what enters the storm drains.

VI. Other Business None.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore

Shellfish Committee Member Roster

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Harland Storey
Michael Brown, **Chair**

'12 Daniel Holt
Jessica Joyce
Robert Maloney

'14 Bill Kenny

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