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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
6:00 PM – East Conference Room, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Brown (Chairman), Bill Kenny, Harland Storey, Charles Adams

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Shane, Sgt. Tom Burgess, Councilor Gruber, Frank Olsen

EXCUSED: Jessica Joyce, Daniel Holt, Robert Maloney

I. Roll Call & Welcome

II. Approval of March 21, 2012 minutes

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

VOTE: 4-0 UNANIMOUS

III. Update on closure status

Sergeant Burgess said that the flats are currently opened, but the conditional/seasonal closing remains in effect (open November – May only).

Town Manager Shane said that the water quality testing has remained the same. We will likely be stuck in seasonal opening mode for quite some time.

IV. Shellfish survey update

The surveys were done recently. Chairman Brown said that it was a good experience to volunteer to help with the surveys and have the opportunity to meet all the other volunteers.

V. License allocations

Chairman Brown explained that our ordinance requires that 10% of the total license volume be provided for non-residents (for us that number is 25). We increased the number of non-resident recreational licenses from 25 to 40 not due to the fact that we were selling 250 licenses annually, but to accommodate the additional volunteers. The number does not need to be that high anymore. We have not had 25 volunteers since we have gone to seasonal closing. We only have 8 -10 volunteers now.

Motion by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Adams, that all the license allocations remain the same except the non-resident recreational license number be reduced from 40 to 25. The 2013 license allocation request to the Town Council will be:

2013 Calendar Year Shellfish Allocation

RECREATIONAL: Unlimited resident recreational licenses
 ~~40~~ 25 non-resident recreational licenses
 8 monthly resident licenses
 2 monthly non-resident licenses

COMMERCIAL: 5 resident commercial licenses
 1 non-resident commercial license

VOTE: 4-0 UNANIMOUS

VI. Other Business

- Mr. Adams suggested that we reach out to Friends of Casco Bay and invite them to a future meeting to discuss our water quality issue and see if they are able to assist.
- Mr. Adams suggested looking into the Eagle Scout program for volunteer projects. Maybe they could make an informational board to be placed at the access point.
- Mr. Adams said that there is a problem with people storing their floats on the clam flats in the winter, particularly in the cove. It is causing some serious erosion. He asked if this is legal and what can be done about it.

Town Manager Shane said the Code Enforcement Officer sends out reminders every year that this should not be happening. The Manager will follow up with the Code Officer.

- Chairman Brown recommended adding the definition of Conservation Fee to the ordinance. Motion by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Adams to add the following definition to the ordinance:
The "conservation fee" refers to the surcharge assessed to all shellfish licenses issued by this municipality.
These funds are designated to support the education, outreach and conservation efforts undertaken by the Shellfish Conservation Commission.
VOTE: 4-0 UNANIMOUS

VII. Adjournment

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

VOTE: 4-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Commission Secretary