



# 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, March 21, 2012 5:30 PM – East Conference Room, Town Hall**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Brown (Chairman), Jessica Joyce, Bill Kenny, Dan Holt, Bob Maloney, Harland Storey  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Manager Shane, Lt. Milton Calder, Councilor Gruber, Denis-Marc Nault of DMR  
**EXCUSED:** Charles Adams

### **I. Roll Call & Welcome**

Chairman Brown welcomed the commission members present and introduced Denis-Marc Nault of Dept. of Marine Resources (DMR).

### **II. Approval of November 10, 2011 minutes**

Motion by Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to accept the minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0                      MOTION PASSES

### **III. Senior license fees & non-resident fee**

Chairman Brown explained that there were some issues raised at a Town Council meeting recently, related to Senior License and Non-Resident fees. The Town Council and the Town Manager both supported the Shellfish Commission with their decision, but said that they would refer the issue back to the Commission for discussion.

Mr. Storey said that the biggest complaint was non-resident seniors getting a free license. He felt that rising the age for a resident senior license to 70 was not as big a deal to those who complained.

Mr. Nault explained that the State statute says the maximum charge for a non-resident license can only be 2 times the resident fee (2x0 = 0)

Chairman Brown asked Mr. Nault if we are able to double the \$10 conservation fee to non-residents.

Mr. Nault said no. The conservation fee is separate from the license fee.

Jessica said that there is no definition of Conservation Fee in the Ordinance and this should be addressed when the committee updates/amends the Ordinance in November.

#### **IV. Update on closure status (Milt)**

Lieutenant Calder said he has been advised by DMR that we will remain with seasonal closing.

Mr. Nault said that he will inquire with the Public Health section of DMR to determine if perhaps the southern end of the flats (where the new testing site was added) may be able to be open depending on what the test scores look like.

#### **V. Maine Coastal Program's Coastal Grant (Jessica)**

Jessica explained that she has been working on this grant application requesting matching funds for improvements to the access point and educational placards.

#### **VI. Update from Outreach Subcommittee**

- **Clam Symposium last January**

Jessica explained that she, Mike, & Tom Gruber attended this symposium. It was very informative.

Chairman Brown said that he spoke to a presenter who was willing to come to a Town Council or Planning Board meeting to talk about Low Impact Development.

- **Spring stenciling event**

Jessica explained that the storm drain stenciling event was scheduled last October, with high school students lined up to volunteer, got rained out. It has been rescheduled for late spring.

- **Other outreach activities**

#### **VII. Other Business**

Chairman Brown asked Mr. Nault if clam-flat reseeding would be beneficial for us to consider.

Mr. Nault that there are 2 types of reseeding programs:

- 1) Purchasing hatchery seed (most expensive option)
- 2) Utilization of existing seed – transplanting. Flat has to be closed for 6 months after reseeding. This is a great conservation activity and is very simple. Mr. Nault suggested having DMR come and do a survey.

Town Manager Shane told the committee that the Town has been working with Portland Water District and they will be starting an inflow and infiltration plan this summer, that will likely include smoke testing. Smoke testing is blowing smoke up sewer lines to determine that houses are connected legally to the sewer lines. This testing will improve water quality as well as lower the Town's wastewater cost.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

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

VOTE: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Moore  
Commission Secretary