

SHELLFISH MEETING

March 19, 2020

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:03pm.

I Roll Call:

Present: Abden Simmons (Chair), Glen Melvin (Vice Chair), Chuck Reed (Secretary), William Pratt, Arthur Creamer

Others Present: Julie Keizer (Town Manager), Justin Hills (Town Warden) and shellfish harvester: Lee Bennett, Brian Bennett and Israel Harvey

II Approve minutes from prior meeting: Motion to approve minute from January 2, 2020 postponed to the next Shellfish committee meeting.

III Reseeding:

- This emergency Shellfish meeting was scheduled to discuss how the Shellfish Committee and the Town of Waldoboro can help harvesters during the current situation surrounding COVID-19 epidemic.
- Members discussed using the remainder of a current grant to reseed Long Cove. Reports from harvesters of vast amount of seed in and around Fox Island.
- Date set for March 30, 2020. Details will be documented and distributed via mail card to all Waldoboro shellfish license holders.
- A motion to approve \$200 for a half bushel of seed per person approved by Glen Melvin, 2nd by William Pratt, 5-0.

IV Disturbing conservation efforts:

- It was reported that reseeded efforts in the fall of 2019 in Sampson Cove was destroyed. Committee members discussed the devastating affects to our future if this continues.
- Members agreed punishment for such carelessness requires a lifetime loss of privilege to hold a Town shellfish license.
- Julie Keizer will have a draft written for a June 2020 town vote.

- A motion to approve a loss of license for a lifetime if convicted of destroying conservation efforts (wording to be finalized by June 2020) by Glen Melvin, 2nd by William Pratt, 5-0.

V Upwellers:

- Abden Simmons took a few minutes to describe a few possible designs and key points for upwellers.
- Lee Bennett and Israel Harvey have agreed to build.
- Glen Melvin again explained the importance of these upwellers. Potential areas to float the upwellers discussed as well.
- Shellfish committee members will discuss ways to measure the success from upweller efforts.

VI Motion to adjourn: by Glen Melvin, 2nd by Arthur Creamer, 5-0

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Abden Simmons	Glen Melvin	Chuck Reed

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Clint Collamore	Wayne Harvey II	Arthur Creamer

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Gerald McPhee	April Simmons	William Pratt