

Shellfish Committee Meeting
Minutes February 26, 2020

Present: Crystal Gove, George Powell, ~~Tyler Robbins~~, Kurt Ciomei, Ben Hardie, Lucas Oliver, Paul Miller

Public: Hannah from State, and ⁴ members of public

Item 1: Minutes January 2020 Moved Gove second Powell to accept Vote 7-0

Item 2: Powell sent out the Army Corps permit, if approved we will be able to put out up to 180 seed boxes

Item 3: Powell reported that the tests were in and the majority was bird and dog. It was suggested that signs be put up about cleaning up after your dog. The DMR will continue to sample. At 8:40AM next Thursday, at the forum, there will be a discussion about the grant results

Item 4: Miller reported on the grant expenditures. Grant was for \$5,345 \$ 4,129.29 has been spent for travel, DNA samples, and project coordinator There is one more small invoice coming. Balance will return to the State.

Item 5: Kurt Ciomei and Ben Hardie are up for re-appointment. They should go to the Town hall to inform them of their desire to stay on the Board so that papers can go to the Selectmen. Powell moved Gove seconded to recommend Vote 7-0

Item 6: Hannah's report

Clammers should attend the forum

The annual reviews are in but she has not seen them yet

Our clam warden must get re-certified in March

Our license application to the State is due. It will be the same as last years

Hannah has been checking the areas that had boxes they look OK and some clamming is taking place

Hannah agreed to Powell's request that she survey the areas where we will be installing new boxes. Hopefully we will have Army Corps permit by May

No landing figures are available yet.

If we are still looking for additional buyers Moody's Seafood might be a possibility

There have been several upgrades by the State on different flats which is favorable for us

Beal has given a report on his results on brushing as a seeding measure. This report was not good but Hannah remarked that one test is not viable, need multiple. She also noted that when brush surrounded boxes, results much better. If brush is used this way remove brush as soon as possible

She reported that there is grant funding available in July that we might want to apply for

Item 6: Conservation events

March 28, 2020 6:45AM Deer Isle Town Hall
Survey multiple places depending on attendance as per Army Corp permit

April 1, 2020 9AM Deer Isle Town Hall
Survey sites to be determined where boxes to go

April 4, 2020 12PM Deer Isle Town Hall
Clean up and road repair Sunshine Carrying place, Deer Isle

April 11, 2020 6AM Deer Isle Town Hall
Survey remaining sites for new boxes

May ????

Place new boxes (need to wait for permit before can begin)

Moved Gove second Powell to accept events Vote 7-0

Item 7: Amend Ordinance draft.

Powell passed out the draft, after discussion Moved Miller second Gove to accept recommendation and send it to the selectmen of both towns
Vote 7-0

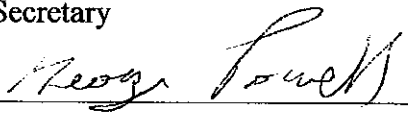
Item 8: Recreational License changes -- table for future study

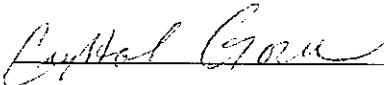
Item 9: Gove would like to get a computer that would only be used for Shellfish information. After discussion it was agreed that this would be useful.
Motion Powell second Miller to spend up to \$ 500.00 for a computer
Vote 7-0

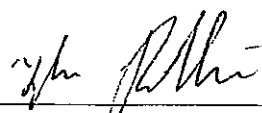
Meeting adjourned 6:45PM Next meeting March 25 at Deer Isle Town Hall

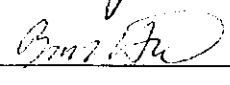
Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan
Secretary









SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

TOWN OF STONINGTON

1. **Authority:** This ordinance is enacted in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A Section 6671.
2. **Purpose:** To establish a shellfish conservation program for the Town of Stonington which will ensure the protection and optimum utilization of shellfish resources within its limits. These goals will be achieved by means which may include:
 - A. Licensing.
 - B. Limiting the number of shellfish harvesters.
 - C. Restricting the time and area where harvesting is permitted.
 - D. Limiting the minimum size of shellfish taken.
 - E. Limiting the amount of shellfish taken daily by a harvester.
3. **Shellfish Conservation Committee:** The Shellfish Conservation Program for the Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington will be administered by a joint Shellfish Conservation Committee consisting of five members from each Town, to be appointed by the selectmen of each Town for terms of three years. Any committee member who has more than three unexcused absences from committee meetings in a twelve month period shall be removed and replaced with a new member by the selectmen. A quorum shall be a Majority plus one of the members of the joint Shellfish Conservation Committee.
The Committee's responsibilities include:
 - A. Establishing annually in conjunction with the Department of Marine Resources the number of shellfish harvesting licenses to be issued.
 - B. Submitting to the Boards of Selectmen of each Town proposals for the expenditures of funds for the purpose of shellfish conservation.
 - C. Keeping this ordinance under review and making recommendations for its amendments.
 - D. Securing and maintaining records of shellfish harvest from each town's managed shellfish areas and closed areas that are conditionally opened by the Department of Marine Resources.
 - E. Recommending conservation closures and openings to the Boards of Selectmen in conjunction with the Area Biologists of the Department of Marine Resources.
 - F. Submitting an annual report to the Municipality and the Department of Marine Resources covering the above topics and all other committee activities.
4. **Definitions**
 - A. **Resident:** The term "resident" refers to a person who has been domiciled in this municipality for at least three months prior to the time his claim of such residence is made.

Shellfish Committee
Minutes January 23, 2020

Full Board and 7 members of the public

Item 1: Powell read the June 2019 minutes. Moved Carter second Powell to accept. All in favor

Item 2: Powell reported that seven samples for water purity and given for DNA testing. He is still awaiting the results

Item 3: Powell reported that the seeding boxes are ready but we ~~still have not received~~ ^{are} awaiting the permit from the Army Corps

Item 4: Powell reported that there is now going to be a weather station at the ~~(newspaper)~~ and at the school due to a DMR grant. This should aid clambers when it comes to closures as we may be able to stay open (Island Heritage Trust + school)

Item 5: Clam warden gave her report She has given 6 summons in the last two weeks. She also noted that trespassing is a major issue and all clambers should get written permission from landowners. Powell noted that the Board should send letters to all clambers notifying them of this important problem. Moved Powell second Crystal to send out notification

She also noted that some clambers do not live on the island any more. Board told her to pull their licenses

(to sell
clams)

She also stated that some commercial clambers get a ^{recreational} residential license and ~~are using them~~, which is not legal. Board instructed her to get a list of all people with any kind of license from the town clerks and cross check them

Item 6: Elections: Moved Powell to have Crystal Gove as chairman, second Carter All in favor

Moved Gove second Carter to have George Powell vice chairman All in favor

Moved Carter second Powell to have Evelyn Duncan Secretary All in favor

Item 7: Powell would like to make a change in how a quorum is determined. After discussion it was decided that this is a ordinance change. Draft will be brought to next meeting

Item 8: Where to put the seed boxes was discussed but no decision made yet

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM, Next meeting Stonington February 26, 2020 5PM

Respectively submitted

Evelyn K Duncan, Secretary

Crystal Gove
Jan [Signature]
Kurt Coomes

Raymond D. [Signature]
George Powell
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