

DEER ISLE-STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

MINUTES 3/8/23

Meeting began at 6:09 PM

There were 59 members in attendance

- Reading of February minutes, as well as January minutes.
Changing of May 14th event to the 13th, also changing event from trash pickup to something including boxes
- Report from Chair
Alvin goes over the change in license requirements, diggers must attend at least 3 meetings and attend one conservation event. 5 meetings in earlier part of the year and the meetings do not resume until fall. April 12th, May 10th lottery for non residents is May 2nd. The meetings need to be attended before the lottery
- Report from Warden
Couple complaints about items being left at Mariners park. No summons, quite a few diggers.
- Other business
George attended Fishermans forum.
Three seminars relevant to shellfish. Gouldsboro collecting spat and overwintering spat. Brian Beal talked about his boxes hes putting out and collecting data. 3 part presentation, assuming 2050 the ph in water would be too high for clams to be able to build shells. Spoke about health of harvesters. Diggers express concern about new license requirements. Danger of being sued. Change was made to get more people involved. Spoke about new leases, clam ledges down in oceanville. Seniors price for license being changed to \$100 a few years ago is brought up. License allocation in 30 days before license sales.
- Next meeting April 12th in Stonington
- Meeting adjourned at 6:48