**Freeport Shellfish Conservation Commission**

**6/8/2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Chad Coffin, Sara Randall, Sarah Warren, Nelson Larkins, Michael Ashby, Kathryn (Kap) Wallingford

Quorum achieved. Meeting called to order at 6:32

Review agenda

Public comment

Amy Sheehan would like to recommend a discussion about student licenses and transition to becoming resident license holders.

Also brought up potential protocols about using held licenses, # of landings.

New business: shellfish budget will roll over soon, discussion of use of budget.

Motion to use budget to use 2022-23 Shellfish Commission budget to issue an RFP for a survey of flat or flats that the committee identifies. Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Overview of proposed updates to ordinance regarding the apprenticeship program pilot. Questions and clarifications.

Suggestion to edit language to make sure it’s clear that student license holders would be able to be an apprentice while holding the license.

Suggestion to clarify calendar year vs license year.

Discussion of 200 tides requirement—should be over 2 years.

Edits made to requirements to become a sponsor and clarification of the timeframe for logging 200 tides.

Decision to strike clause. Decision to insert a clause to sunset the pilot after 2 years.

Discussion of residency requirements.

Kap motioned to accept changes and get the ordinance on the Town Council’s agenda. Mike seconded. Unanimously approved

Kap motion to approve statement of purpose to be sent to Town Council. Sara seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chad motion to adjourn. All in favor