



**TOWN OF FREEPORT**  
**Shellfish Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes – December 12, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Thomas Bennett, Chair  
Jared Lavers, Vice Chair  
Malcolm McIntosh  
Sara Randall  
Dale “Chopper” Sawyer  
Megan Hudson, Secretary

**Staff Present**

Charles Tetreau, Shellfish Warden

**Call to Order**

Chair Thomas Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**I. Minutes Review and Approval**

After discussion, Thomas Bennett moved to approve the minutes with an amendment to include his comments at the November meeting regarding the presence of quahogs at the quahog study’s site as recently as 2016-2017. Sara Randall Seconded.

**Vote: 3 in favor (T. Bennett, J. Levers, S. Randall) and 3 abstained (C. Sawyer, M. McIntosh, M. Hudson)**

**II. Agenda Items**

1. Freeport Middle School Presentation on Clam Recruitment and Survival at Winslow State Park

Four students from Freeport Middle School presented their study’s findings regarding Winslow State Park. The students reported learning a lot about both Freeport and clamming.

No Commission action taken.

2. Marine Officer’s Report

Charles Tetreau reported that harvesting has slowed. There has been no quahog harvesting the last 3 week. There is a regional meeting on January 30, 2020, at the Yarmouth Library. Additionally, a map of public/private access points was distributed

3. Old Business - Discussion on a Weighted Commercial License Lottery

After discussion, Megan Hudson moved to table a vote to allow the modification of the draft proposed ordinance language to include applicants for non-residential licenses and remove the requirement of consecutive entries into the lottery, seconded by Thomas Bennett.

**Vote: All in favor**

4. Locations for LPAs

After discussion, Thomas Bennett moved to approve the two LPA locations proposed by Charles Tetreau, Sara Randall Seconded.

**Vote: 5 in favor (T. Bennett, J. Levers, M. Hudson, M. McIntosh, and S. Randall) and 1 opposed (C. Sawyer).**

5. New Business – Proposals for Maine Shellfish Restoration and Resilience Project

After discussion, Megan Hudson moved to table a vote to allow all interested parties to submit proposals to the Commission before its January meeting for its endorsement, Thomas Bennett seconded.

**Vote: All in Favor**

**V. Adjourn**

Thomas Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

**Vote: All in favor**

Agenda December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

6:30pm Freeport Town Hall

1. Approval of minutes from previous meetings
2. Freeport Middle School-Presentation on clam recruitment and survival at Winslow State Park.

Open to public comment

3. MRCO Report

Open to public comment

4. **Old Business**
5. Weighted commercial license lottery discussion Cont.

Open to public comment

6. Locations for LPA's (overwinter)

Open to public comment

7. Proposals for Maine Shellfish Restoration and Resilience Project

Open to public comment

