

**Freeport Shellfish Commission
Meeting
March 8, 2018**

Attendees: Chris G., Jared L., Nora H., Dale (Chopper) S., and Karl O.

Meeting Commenced: At 6:29 pm.

Motion #1: Jared moved to approve the February minutes. Doug seconded. All voted in favor. Nora and Karl abstained because they were not present at the February meeting.

Marine Resource Conservation Officer's Report: Charlie was not present so the report was no provided.

Water Quality Fund: There was discussion of the appropriate threshold for reinstating the water quality fund (i.e. once the amount in the fund falls below the threshold, the water quality license surcharge will be reinstated. Previously the Commission had considered \$5k. There was discussion of \$5k, \$10k, \$15k and \$20k as the appropriate threshold.

Motion #2: Chopper moved to bring the threshold to \$10k for reinstating the water quality fee. Doug seconded. All voted in favor.

Airboats: There was discussion of what the Town might do to regulate the use of airboats. The public and the Committee discussed the issue of airboats.

Senior Licenses: The Committee open the discussion of senior licenses to public comment. The issues are the number of them and whether clammers should be required to hold a license for a certain number of years prior to qualifying for a senior license. There are four to five clammers who will qualify for licenses within the next years and more in future years. Currently, clammers age 65 are eligible for senior licenses. Chopper explained that in Waldoboro, seniors buy licenses but don't need to do conservation time. Chopper didn't know how Waldoboro factored in senior licenses into the number of licenses that it sets each year.

There appeared to be no appetite to change the qualifications for senior licenses right now.

Setting the Number of Licenses:

Last Year's Numbers:

- 45 Commercial Resident
- 5 Student Resident

- 5 Commercial Non-Resident
- 1 Student Non-Resident

Motion #3: Nora moved to set the licenses at the same numbers as last year. Doug seconded. All voted in favor.

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Freeport Community Center 6:30 PM

Call to order

Determination of Quorum

Reading of minutes from last meeting

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Marine Officers Report

Final discussion of water quality fund threshold

Town council workshop remarks (air boat)

Senior License discussion

Open to public comment

(3 minute per person limit please)

Close meeting to public comment

Final Senior license discussion

Old Business

Consideration for New business

Adjournment