

**Freeport Shellfish Commission
Meeting
October 12, 2017**

Attendees: Chris G., Malcolm (Doug) M., Jared L., Nora H., Dale (Chopper) S., and Charlie T. (Marine Resource Conservation Officer)

Meeting Commenced: At 6:30 pm.

Motion #1: Doug moved to approve the September minutes. Chopper seconded. All voted in favor.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Marine Resource Conservation Officer's Report: Charlie recommended that we do the water quality testing through Katahdin Analytical Services given the pricing info that he obtained (which is attached as Attachment A). There was discussion of where to test and exactly what to test for, fecal coliform or metals etc. Charlie received some general direction to get started and will evaluate potential additional efforts and keep in touch with the Commission on this.

Treasurer's Report: Doug reported that we have \$6,000 in the operations budget; \$2,500 for clam flat surveys and the water quality fund has \$24,000.

Motion #2: Chopper moved to spend up \$350 on an enclosed weather-proof bulletin board to advise harvesters of closures. Nora seconded. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the possibility of mentoring students and earning conservation points. There was generally support for the concept.

The Commission discussed a fall stock assessment. No decision was made at this time. The Commission will re-visit this issue at the next meeting.

New Business: Nora suggested that we discontinue or suspend the license surcharge for water quality testing given the level of funds in the water quality fund. There was general support for exploring this. Chris will discuss this with the Town Manager.

Chopper suggested that we reconsidering grandfathering licenses at age 65 given that some people who are grandfathered at age 65 may have only held a license for one year. There was agreement that we would revisit the qualifications for a senior license.

Chopper raised the issue of how the Harraseeket Yacht Club parking spots are distributed through the lottery to avoid losing these spots. He suggested that we get rid of the fee to enter the lottery and just have people pay if they win the spot. Further discussion occurred.

Motion #4: Nora moved to adjourn. Doug seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: At 7:04 pm.

Water testing/clam flats account-approx \$24,000, 5\$ per license

General Fund-6,000

Katahdin Analytical Services (2,000\$)

Sample containers are provided; samples must be turned in within 6 hours of being taken

Fecal Coliform: 25\$ (can test actual clams as well as water)

Listeria: \$20

Anaerobic Plate Count: \$20

Staph: \$20

e-coli: \$20

Salmonella: \$20

TAL Metals-list of 23: \$100 (on water or sediment)

TAL Metals-list of 23: \$115-if shellfish are tested for metals.

Locations:??

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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

Open to public comment

(3 minute per person limit please)

New business from public comment to be considered for future meetings

Close meeting to public comment

Marine Resource Officer report

Old Business

Treasurer Report

Enclosed map for waterfront

Water sampling report

Mentoring for student license Discussion

Consideration for New business

Adjournment