

**Freeport Shellfish Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held March 9, 2017**  
**Freeport Community Center**

Commission Members in Attendance: Doug Leland, Malcolm McIntosh, Jared Lavers, Nora Healy, Eric Horne and Andrew Wilbur.

Staff in Attendance: None

Educational Program: Heal Eddy Clam Farm Update – John Hagan, President, Manomet Institute, Brunswick, ME

Meeting Commenced at 7:00 PM

- 1.) Minutes tabled
- 2.) Warden's Report – passed through chair. All but 6 harvesters have signed up for pollution abatement work. Several meetings attended. DMR will share how to look for pollution sources.
- 3.) HYC Parking Permit deadline is April 6, April 10 is drawing.
- 4.) Commercial License Quota – Past Cycle: 45 resident, 5 student residential commercial, 5 non-resident commercial, 1 non-resident student. Landings data over the past several years – up in 2012/13 and has decreased the last 2 years to approximately 30% of peak. One suggestion from the audience is that increasing the number of licenses to allow for the fact that a lot of harvesters are not applying as much effort. Another suggested that we should eliminate licenses that are not used after two years and hand them off to new harvesters. Another suggested that licenses should be able to be passed on to family members. Another suggested that the age for the senior license program could be reduced to put licenses back in the lottery. An apprentice license was suggested as an idea to give individuals that are interested the opportunity to increase their chances to get a license. Audience member suggested that a professional license in other trades allows someone to be an apprentice and then the professional is responsible for the actions of the apprentice. Doug shared that a study shared with the shellfish commission indicated that increasing the number of licenses from the late 1970s to the early 1990s was concurrent with a decrease in landings. Norah did a straw poll of where committee members were on the number of licenses, the senior license age being reduced, and the idea of apprentices.
- 5.) Budget- Support for Dog Waste spending, discussion about the need for a shed, discussion about whether an upweller would be used well and whether group work would be able to manage. Chad Coffin suggested that using the resources as a community of harvesters has not worked in the past. The fencing project was cited as a project that failed due to lack of manpower and working together to solve a problem. Survey work did not adequately assess the resource. Chad suggested that we should look at settlement using student license holders.
- 6.) Talking Points for Town Council – Doug will put together a list.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10

## Freeport Shellfish Conservation Commission

February 9, 2017  
Freeport Community Center  
6:30 PM

- Minutes (January)
- Treasurer Report - (Chris Grimm)
- MRCO Update - (Officer Tetreau)
- Conservation Point Plan for Spring 2017
- New Business
- Adjourn