



TOWN OF FREEPORT
Shellfish Conservation Commission
Minutes – April 11, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Chris Grimm, Chair/Secretary
Jared Lavers, Vice Chair

Staff Absent

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

A motion was made by Malcolm McIntosh to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Chopper Sawyer.

Vote: All in favor

II. Agenda Items

1. Recruitment study

Discussion regarding doing a recruitment study in 2019 and including it as a conservation activity.

A motion was made by Sara Randall to do the study, seconded by Malcolm McIntosh

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Dale “Chopper” Sawyer)

2. License Lottery Discussion

Discussion regarding ways to increase the lottery odds for individuals who have participated, but not received licenses, for many years. Discussion regarding other towns that have weighted lotteries including Harpswell, Brunswick, and Scarborough.

A motion was made by Thomas Bennett to table decision in order to allow Megan Hudson to gather example ordinance language, seconded by Chopper Sawyer.

Vote: All in favor

3. License allocation/ finalizing number of licenses

Discussion regarding number of current licensees. Charles Tetreau, Shellfish Warden was not in attendance to provide the Commission with current license number information.

A motion was made by Megan Hudson, seconded by Thomas Bennett to table a vote on license allocation until Charles Tetreau can provide more information.

Vote: all in favor

4. Quohog Winter Mortality Experiment

Jessica Joyce from Tidal Bay Consulting presented two possible locations for the previously approved quohog winter mortality study. Additionally, Ms. Joyce recommended a conservation closure for the duration of the study in the location of the research plots.

Motion by Dale "Chopper" Sawyer, seconded by Malcolm McIntosh to approve the Winslow Park research plot location, as identified on Jessica Joyce's map, for the quohog winter mortality study and to approve a conservation closure for shellfish and clams, as defined in the Shellfish Commission Ordinance, at the research plot location of the study from May 10, 2019 – May 10, 2020.

Vote: all in favor

5. Apprentice Program

Discussion regarding the possibility of creating an apprentice license.

Motion to table decision until the next meeting made by Malcolm McIntosh, seconded by Sara Randall.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Dale "Chopper" Sawyer)

6. Marine Officer's Report/License Renewal

Charles Tetreau was not in attendance. There was no Marine Officer's Report

III. Public Comment

IV. Consideration of New Business

V. Adjourn

Thomas Bennett moved to adjourn, seconded by Chopper Sawyer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.



Town of Freeport

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Freeport Community Center

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1. Approval of minutes from previous meetings

2. MRCO Report

3. New Business:

Discussion on recruitment study (construction/deployment of recruitment boxes)

Discussion on increasing the odd's for persons who par take in conservation work prior license lottery.

4. Old Business:

License allocation/finalize license numbers

Finalize quahog study

Continue discussion on apprenticeship program

5. Adjournment

