



TOWN OF FREEPORT
Shellfish Conservation Commission
Minutes – May 9, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Members Present

Thomas Bennett, Chair
Chris Grimm
Megan Hudson, Secretary
Jared Lavers, Vice Chair
Malcolm McIntosh
Sara Randall
Dale "Chopper" Sawyer

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

A motion was made by Chopper Sawyer to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Malcolm McIntosh.

Vote: 5 in favor, Chris Grimm and Jared Lavers abstained.

II. Agenda Items

1. Marine Officer's Report

Charles Tetreau reported on closures since the previous meeting and the quohog study set-up that took place on May 6, 2019.

2. Discussion of Age Analysis of Licensees

Sara Randall presented analysis of the age of current license holders. She expressed concern about the aging population of license holders and the lack of younger people entering the profession.

3. Discussion of Proposed Apprentice License

Sara Randall presented language for a proposed ordinance change to create an apprentice license category. After discussion, a motion was made by Sara Randall to move forward with the creation of an apprenticeship license, seconded by Chris Grimm.

Vote: 4 opposed (T. Bennett, C. Sawyer, J. Levers, M. McIntosh) and 3 in favor (M. Hudson, C. Grimm, S. Randall)

4. Discussion on Proposed Weighted Commercial License Lottery

After discussion, a motion was made by Jared Levers, seconded by Chris Grimm to table discussion of a weighted commercial lottery until the next meeting.

Vote: all in favor

5. License Allocation for July 2019 – June 2020

Charles Tetreau discussed current commercial license numbers. He reported that one commercial licensee gave up their license and one commercial license rolled over into a senior license.

After discussion a motion was made by Sara Randall, seconded by Chris Grimm, to add the two commercial licenses to keep the total number at 50.

Vote: 5 opposed (T. Bennett, C. Sawyer, J. Levers, M. McIntosh, M. Hudson) and 2 in favor (S. Randall and C. Grimm). Motion did not pass.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Thomas Bennett, seconded by Chopper Sawyer, to not re-issue the surrendered license.

Vote: 5 in favor (T. Bennett, C. Sawyer, J. Levers, M. McIntosh, M. Hudson) and 2 opposed (S. Randall and C. Grimm).

6. Request for Letter of Support

Sara Randall presented a request from the Downeast Institute for a letter of support for their proposed study to create soft-shell clam settlement monitoring stations across the coast of Maine. After discussion, Chris Grimm made a motion, seconded by Megan Hudson, to write a letter of support and to allow Downeast to present further information about the study to the Commission.

Vote: 2 in favor (C. Grimm and M. Hudson), 4 opposed (T. Bennett, C. Sawyer, J. Levers, M. McIntosh), and S. Randall abstained. Motion did not pass.

III. Public Comment

IV. Consideration of New Business

After discussion, Malcolm McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Chopper Sawyer, to have a representative from the Department of Marine Resources come to the next meeting to discuss dragging.

Vote: 6 in favor, S. Randall opposed

V. Adjourn

Thomas Bennett moved to adjourn, seconded by Malcolm McIntosh. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Freeport Municipal Shellfish License Holder Age Analysis

Limited Entry was instituted in 1990 or 1991.

Currently there are 45 Resident Commercial Shellfish Licenses (including Senior)
 5 Non-Resident Commercial Shellfish Licenses ("")
50 Commercial Licenses Total (including Seniors)

Current number of Senior Licenses: 6 out of 50 (12%). On June 1, 2019 we will be adding an additional senior license (meaning **15% of licenses** will be senior licenses).

Average age of Freeport's clammers (as of May 1, 2019)= **53.5 years old**.

34 clammers are 50-years-old or older (68%).

9 clammers are 49-40 years old. This mans that 43 out of 50 clammers are 40 or above (86%).

Lack of Young Clammers

There is no one younger than 28 years-old currently licensed in Freeport.

There are only 3 clammers in their 20s (Two 29-year-olds, one 28-year-old).

- 4 clammers in their 30s

PROJECTION:

Number of Commercial Licenses becoming available due to a Current License Holder Turning 65.

1	This year (2019)	1
2	May 1, 2020	1
3	May 1, 2021	0
4	May 1, 2022	2
5	May 1, 2023	1
	Licenses that can be expected to come up for general lottery over the next 5 years	5

*These numbers assume that all current Commercial Licenses remain active (i.e. no one gives up their license before 65, becomes ineligible due to residency, mortality).

PAST LOTTERY NUMBER

Adult Commercial Licenses Issued **Through the Lottery** Over the Last 9 years:
 (courtesy of the Town Clerk)

Year	Licenses	Total Licenses	Amount of licenses
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			not renewed
2018	1 resident, 1 non	2	* note: missing the information about the licenses were cut/not renewed.
2017 *	3 resident, 1 non- resident	4	
2016	1 resident	1	
2015	0	0	
2014	1 resident	1	
2013	1 non-resident	1	
2012	2 resident	2	
2011	2 resident, 1 non-resident	3	
2010	1 resident	1	
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* In June of 2017 the ordinance was changed to reclassify the age of the senior license from 70 to 65.

Comparison to 5 Years Ago

In July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 there were 2 senior licenses. One of the two Senior License holders from 2014-2015 remains.

Since July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 there was:

- a decrease of 5 Commercial License Holders and
- an addition of 3 new Commercial License Holders.

-Submitted by Sara Randall

Agenda May 9th 2019

1. Approval of minutes from previous meetings
2. MRCO Report
3. Old business
4. Apprenticeship program discussion-Sara Randall
5. Weighted commercial license lottery-Dale Sawyer/Meghan Hudson

Open to Public Comment, Three minutes per person at podium

Vote

6. Age analysis of license holders-Sara Randall

Open to public comment, Three minutes per person at podium

7. License allocation (adding/deducting license numbers)

Open to public comment, Three minutes at podium

Vote

8. New business
9. Adjournment

