

Draft
Shellfish Committee
MINUTES
November 5, 2025

Marine Resources Committee Members Present: Max Burtis, Anthony Yuodsnukis, Laura DiBiase, Katie Sellers-Reynolds, Marko Melendy, Clint Thompson, and Councilor James Ecker.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resources Manager; and Fran Smith, Town Clerk

Chair Sellers-Reynolds opened the meeting and asked for role call and if the meeting had been properly noticed, to which Clerk Smith responded yes.

Warden Report:

None

Coastal Resource Office Updates: (*This item was discussed at 6:35 p.m.*)

CRM Devereaux provided this report.

Town Clerk Updates: None

Meetings: None

Minutes: None at this time

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Lisa Trombley discussed several topics, including funding for the algae bloom study in Maquoit Bay, the need for more harvesters on the committee, concerns regarding the oyster farms, and the potential for the town to lose control of those lands.

Blaine Lund mentioned that he applied for a position on the committee but was not appointed.

George Bernier asked whether the town would reimburse losses stemming from the PFAS spill and whether the oyster farms had been shut down due to pollution. He also said that there should have been fewer licenses issued before conservation efforts were implemented.

Ray Trombley spoke about the rebuilding of Simpsons Point, explaining why it could not be motorized and was restricted to hand-carry access only. CRM Devereaux clarified that this limitation was part of an agreement with the state.

Keith Bouchard advocated for the inclusion of airboats at Simpsons Point and disagreed with the winter closures or the two-month closure of Maquoit Bay.

Brian Hawkes raised concerns about the closure of Maquoit Bay during bird migration and reiterated his objections to winter closures.

72. Proposed ordinance amendments: (Action Item) (This item was discussed at 7:09 p.m.)

- **Harvester Reporting (Presentation)**
- **Shellfish Apprenticeship**

The vote on the Student Apprenticeship program will be voted on separate from the ordinance amendments.

Clerk Smith and CRM Devereaux introduced this item.

Public comments:

Lisa Trombley

George Bernier

Blaine Lund

Members Thompson, Yuodsnukis, Melendy, Burtis, and DiBiase, along with Councilor Ecker either spoke or asked questions to which staff responded.

MAIN MOTION:

Member DiBiase move, Member Burtis seconded, to move forward with the program except for the residence incentives for mentor certification and look for other future incentives.

Member Burtis asked questions to which Clerk Smith responded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Member Burtis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to amend more general references to the mentorship language so details can be worked out in the future. The motion carried with four (4) yeas. Members Thompson and Melendy were opposed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Member DiBiase move, Member Burtis seconded, to move forward with the program except for the residence incentives for mentor certification and look for other future incentives as amended to make the definition more general so details can be worked out in the future. The motion carries with six (6) yeas.

Discussion around the draft ordinance now occurs.

CRM Devereaux introduced this item.

Members Thompson, Sellers-Reynolds, and Yuodsnukis spoke regarding this item.

Public comments:

Ray Trombley

Blaine Lund

Lisa Trombley

George Bernier

Member Yuodsnukis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 11 Marine Activities Structures Way's Article III, as it pertains to the Harvester Reporting section and the Student Apprentice section, with any suggestions that might come from the review by the Town Attorney and DMR, with the changes to Mentor certification as outlined in last motion. The motion carried with six (6) yeas.

73. Winter Shellfish Closure Harvester Survey Results (*This item was discussed at 8:35 p.m.*)

Tabled to December

74. NEW BUSINESS (*This item was discussed at 8:35 p.m.*)

None

75. OLD BUSINESS (*This item was discussed at 8:35 p.m.*)

None

76 Set December meeting agenda (*This item was discussed at 8:36 p.m.*)

The Committee and staff discussed items for the next meeting.

Member Melendy moved, Member Sellers-Reynolds seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with six (6) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk*