

Draft
Shellfish Committee
MINUTES
September 3, 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; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; and Dan Sylvain, Marine Resource Warden.

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: *(This item was discussed at 6:35 p.m.)*

Officer Sylvain provided this update and suggested the need for seasonal help.

Coastal Resource Office Updates: *(This item was discussed at 6:37 p.m.)*

- **Shellfish Upweller**
- **Maquoit Bay Sanitary Survey Investigation**
- **Voluntary Conservation Areas**
- **Maquoit Bay Opening Report**
- **Eelgrass Restoration Project**
- **Drifter Study**
- **Harvester Reporting (Agenda item)**
- **Maquoit Woods Property**
- **Recreational Day Licenses Program**

CRM Devereaux provided this report with comments added by Member Burtis, Councilor Ecker, and Officer Sylvain. He responded to questions from Members Yuodsnukis and Melendy.

Town Clerk Updates: None

Meetings:

- **Aquaculture Advisory Council – September 9th**
- **Shellfish Advisory Committee – September 23rd**

Minutes: August 5, 2025

Member Yuodsnukis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025. The motion carried with six (6) yeas.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Combine items 58, 59, and 61 into one discussion

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) *(This item was discussed at 7:04 p.m.)*

Dean Ouellette inquired about reporting landing to which CRM Devereaux and Clerk Smith provided an update where they are in the process of developing the language.

55. Approval of proposed Shellfish Apprenticeship program. (Consensus item)
(This item was discussed at 7:10 p.m.)

Clerk Smith provided an overview of this program and responded to questions from Members Melendy and Yuodsnukis.

Member Thompson spoke regarding this item.

56. Approving the closure of Barnes Landing effective September 15, 2025. (Action item) *(This item was discussed at 7:26 p.m.)*

CRM Devereaux introduced this item.

Member Thompson spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Ouellette spoke regarding this item.

Member Yuodsnukis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to approve the closure of Barnes Landing effective September 15, 2025. The motion carried with six (6) yeas.

57. Discussion of Army Corp of Engineers about the proposed shellfish study by Down East Institute in Barnes Cove for next season. (Discussion item) *(This item was discussed at 7:34 p.m.)*

CRM Devereaux introduced this item.

Members Thompson and Melendy spoke regarding this item.

58. Discussion on reducing effort in the fall and winter. (Discussion item) *(This item was discussed at 7:48 p.m.)*

59. Continuing the discussion on allowing night harvesting in summer months. (Discussion item)

61. Discussion of the concept of a conservation closure for Quahogs on Sundays. (Discussion item)

This item was combined with 58 and 59 and taken out of order.

CRM Devereaux and Member Burtis introduced this item.

Members Thompson, Yuodsnukis and DiBiase also spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Ouellette spoke regarding this item.

60. Update on creating a process for harvesters to record landings beginning in the 2026 license year. (*Discussion item*)

This item was discussed under the Coastal Resources Manager's report.

62. NEW BUSINESS (*This item was discussed at 8:22 p.m.*)

None

63. OLD BUSINESS (*This item was discussed at 8:27 p.m.*)

None

64. Set October meeting agenda (*This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.*)

The Committee and staff discussed items for the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk