

Draft
Shellfish Committee
MINUTES
January 6, 2025

Marine Resources Committee Members Present: Anthony Yuodsukis, Laura DiBiase, Katie Sellers-Reynolds, Marko Melendy, Clint Thompson, and Councilor Kathy Wilson.

Members Absent: Max Burtis

Staff Present: Dan Devereaux, Coastal Resources Manager; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden; Emily Stone, Coastal Resource Technician; 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 6:31 p.m.)*

- Harvesting Reporting Request
- Fishermen's Forum
- GIS Shellfish Management Mapping
- Northeast Aquaculture Conference and Exposition
- Creating a Nitrogen Loading Model
- Maine Seagrass Summit
- Simpson Point Rehabilitation
- CBEP Grant (Manomet LOS)
- Update on Maquoit Bay Sanitary Survey
- Recap State Shellfish Advisory Council (11/21 Meeting)
- Conservation Closure
- Maine DEP Watershed Manager Meeting
- Shellfish Inventory Surveys Remaining

CRM Devereaux provided this report and replied to questions from Member Melendy.

Town Clerk Updates: *(This item was discussed at 6:39 p.m.)*

- Update on Council action on the proposed ordinance

Clerk Smith provided this report. She also thanked Member Yuodsukis for his services on the committee as he is stepping down.

Member Yuodsukis spoke of this time on the committee.

Meetings: None

Minutes: September 3, 2025; October 7, 2025; November 5, 2025 (*This item was discussed at 6:40 p.m.*)

Member Yuodsnukis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to approve the minutes of September 3, 2025; October 7, 2025; and November 5, 2025. The motion carried with five (5) yeas.

Adjustments to the Agenda (*This item was discussed at 6:43 p.m.*)

The election of the chair will be moved to the next meeting, along with the discussion about moving out of town.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (*This item was discussed at 6:46 p.m.*)

Lisa Trombley asked when the Maquoit water quality study will be complete and questioned if the oyster farms are affecting the quality. She would like to see a moratorium on approving new leases.

Ray Trombley discussed seed and asked if the town can get some. He also discussed the seed produced at the lakes and where it is being stored.

Blaine Lund asked about his status on being appointed to the committee. He asked about his child not being able to apply for a commercial license.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

This item will be done at the next meeting.

2. Discussion on the ability of resident commercial harvesters to move out of town. (Discussion) (*This item was discussed at 6:45 p.m.*)

Member Thompson moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to table this item until the next meeting. The motion carried with five (5) yeas.

3. Winter Shellfish Closure Harvester Survey Results and determining if there will be any closures. (Action) (*This item was discussed at 7:49 p.m. (Items taken out of order)*)

Chair Sellers Reynold and Member Thompson spoke regarding this item along with item 4, in which the discussion was combined.

No closure for winter is recommendation

Mr. Lund spoke regarding this item.

The Committee came to a consensus that there will be no winter closures recommended at this winter.

4. Discussion of Sunday closures for 2026 (Discussion) (This item was discussed at 7:55 p.m.) (Items taken out of order)

CRM Devereaux spoke regarding this item.

Member Melendy spoke regarding this item.

The Committee came to a consensus that there will be no Sunday closures recommended at this year.

5. Presentation on shellfish survey results (Presentation) (This item was discussed at 7:02 p.m.)

This item was done prior to Items 3 and 4.

CRM Devereaux provided this report and responded to questions from Members Thompson, Yuodsnukis, along with members of the public – Mr. Lund, Mr. Trombley and Ms. Trombley.

6. NEW BUSINESS (This item was discussed at 7:57 p.m.)

Member Thompson said the reporting which will be beginning soon, needs to factor into the formula when determining license numbers in the future.

7. OLD BUSINESS (This item was discussed at 8:03 p.m.)

None

8. Set February meeting agenda (This item was discussed at 8:04 p.m.)

Items were set for the next meeting.

Member Yuodsnukis moved, Member DiBiase seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with five (5) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk*