

# Minutes

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## Shellfish Conservation Committee Meeting

**The Shellfish Conservation Committee, regular meeting, at the Town Office  
Monday, 11/25/2013 at 7pm**

1. Present: Bob Earnest, Jessie Russo, Mac Passano, Gary Ross, Chip Corson, Cecil Doughty; members of the public / town officials Susan Campbell, Dave Stevens, Caitlin Gerber, Ron Tozier, Michelle Jackson.
2. Call meeting to order
3. Approval of minutes from 5/1/13 meeting. Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval.
4. Annual Shellfish Review
  - a. Discussion: review of annual activity from 2013.
  - b. Paperwork: Ron has filled out the paperwork and read thru the forms for all. Motion to approve; seconded; unanimous approval.
5. Municipal Allocation Request; fees for Commercial Licenses: motion to recommend to the Selectmen the following schedule of fees and license quantities:
  - a. Resident SAME fee; allocation of 5 licenses
  - b. Resident Senior SAME as last year (fees and allocations)
  - c. Non-Resident zero (based on research by Michelle that shows that, if we have 5 or fewer commercial resident licenses, we are not required to issue commercial non-resident licenses).
6. Municipal Allocation Request; fees for Recreational Licenses: motion to recommend to the Selectmen the following schedule of fees and license quantities:
  - a. Annual resident: same fee of \$35; limit 35 licenses
  - b. Annual non resident: same fee of \$70, limit 3 licenses (10% of a. above)
  - c. Monthly resident: same fee of \$25; limit 3 licenses
  - d. Monthly non resident: same fee of \$50: limit 7 licenses
  - e. Daily resident/non resident: same fee of \$15; limit 20 licenses
  - f. Senior (over 65) "two hoe" new fee of \$25; limit 25 licenses
  - g. Senior (over 65) "one hoe" new fee of \$10; limit 50 licenses
  - h. The intent of the above motion, items 5 and 6, is:
    - i. To raise additional funding for conservation (research, traps, etc); and
    - ii. To limit the take of the resource until we better understand the threat, and, until we see success in dealing with the threat.
7. Motion for 5 and 6 above seconded; much discussion; unanimous approval.
8. Green Crab
  - a. Permit: is it required? It seems there are exemptions for civic and research activities.

**The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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- b. Donations: one citizen has donated funds for green crab countermeasures; another citizen has offered us shrimp traps, for free, that could easily be converted to green crab traps.
  - c. Discussion: Darcy Coutore, formerly DMR, now a consultant working on green crabs, has been in touch with Ron; proposed meeting here with Selectmen in January. Ron t/a dates; Selectmen and SCC meetings are encouraged to attend.
  - d. Green Crab Summit: Ron, Caitlin, and another Chebeaguer to attend (December in Orono).
9. Clam Book will soon be updated: <http://www.seagrant.umaine.edu/files/pdf-global/98clamhandbook.pdf>
  - a. A copy of the 1998 version is attached to the email that includes these minutes.
10. Public Comment
11. Jessie mentioned that she is soon likely to head to sea. Motion to recommend Caitlin to the Selectboard as a new member at such time that Jessie needs to resign. Jessie might decide to serve as an alternate. Seconded; unanimous. Note: Caitlin will send Michelle a letter of interest in serving.
12. Schedule Next Meeting: December 11, 6pm, this recommendation set will be on the Selectman meeting agenda. All of us should attend. At that meeting we can determine when we need our next meeting.
13. Adjourn meeting. Motion; seconded; unanimous.

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