

Minutes

Shellfish Conservation Committee Meeting

The Shellfish Conservation Committee, regular meeting, at the Town Office
April 23, 2014, 9 AM

1. Present: Bob Earnest, Jessie Russo, Gary Ross, Cecil Doughty; members of the public: Ernie Burgess.
2. Call meeting to order
3. Discussion reference PS law chapter 47–1735: the conclusion was to leave the reference in the ordinance as is.
4. Survey:
 - a. No longer obligated, but still a good idea.
 - b. Dates:
 - i. Wednesday, April 30, 7 AM
 - ii. Thursday, May 1, 8 AM
 - iii. Friday, May 2, 8 AM (if needed)
 - c. Locations:
 - i. The Hook, if allowed; **Jessie** to check with the state.
 - ii. Cricks
 - iii. Chandlers
 - iv. Later this year: survey some of the clam flats in the outer islands?
 - v. 2014: hook again? Aaron's wharf?
5. Green crab/ predator program:
 - a. **Jessie** to discuss with the state people as to whether we need a license
 - b. Eric told Jessie that we should submit an estimate and then the town can pay direct for any traps or material that we need to buy
 - c. Volunteers: Ernie, Andy, Hank, Caitlin
 - d. Chuck Varney has expressed interest in using the green crabs for composting
 - e. Ernie offered the opinion that the best thing to do is to put them back into the bay, if our permit allows that. Putting the shelves back in the day would boost calcium, which would combat acidification.
 - f. Meeting with Darcy on this topic is postponed for now.
 - g. Hugh Bowen has offered four shrimp traps that could be used for crabs at the stone pier
6. Next meeting: date will be set when we meet for the survey.
7. Meeting adjourned.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!