

Town of Chebeague Island
Shellfish Conservation Commission Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2015 @ 4:00pm

NOTE: CHANGED TO SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEETING

(due to weather / members hauling traps)

at the Public Safety Building/Town Office (back conference room)

Minutes

1. Called meeting to order at 4pm.
2. Revisions to ordinance
 - a. Apparently not all the changes that we approved last year for the Warrant at last town meeting were acceptable to DMR. We need to remove the phrase "spades and shovels are not allowed."
 - b. Gary moved that we recommend this draft change to the Selectboard;, seconded Cecil, unanimous approved.
3. Conservation / nets project: proceed? Cecil moved that we pursue the nets as per discussion last spring; Gary 2nd; unanimous approve. Location: Cricks? conservation area by Sunset? On the bar? Down from Virginia Schroeder's? Resolved: let's decide where to place the experimental plots after we get approval for purchase of nets.
4. Paperwork, quotas, etc for next year (Genaro)
 - a. Gary moved that we maintain license allocations at same level as last year; 2nd Cecil; unanimous approval.
 - b. Closures: Gary moved that we keep the two areas currently closed for the 2nd of the two previously approved years. Seconded by Chip; unanimous approval. Suggestion that at the end of this current two year closure, that we consider Cricks for a subsequent closure, as it's beginning to look a bit played out.
5. Other business
 - a. Presentation by Bob of Chebeague Island Oyster proposed lease. Comments: Cecil: "I don't like leases but this one is in best possible spot, no impact on clams, lobstering." Jessie talked about intertidal issues with other leases / big companies coming in. She suggests investigation of town aquaculture ordinance. Ernie commented on the conflict between leasing and lobstering. Genaro to contact a state person (Denis Marc-Nault?) to come talk to us about what a town aquaculture ordinance can, and cannot do. Note that the Coastal Waters Committee ordinance states that they should review any aquaculture applications; therefore, any conversation regarding local aquaculture ordinance should be with them as well.
6. Public comment: none, beyond the conversations above.
7. Next meeting will be when we need to plan for surveying; to set plans for nets (if approved); or when state person comes to talk about potential town aquaculture ordinance.
8. Adjourned at 4:55pm.