

Town of Chebeague Island
Shellfish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2015 @ 9:00AM

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

1. Call meeting to order. Committee members present; Gary Ross, Cecil Doughty, Bob Earnest. Also present were Michelle Jackson (Town Clerk) and Genaro Balzano (Shellfish Warden)
2. To have the Commission discuss and draft ordinance changes required by the State, as per discussions regarding licensing in December / January
 - a. Denis-Marc Nault at the DMR tells us that he did not receive our 2013 Town approved version of our ordinance, until the copy he received this past fall (with our license allocation documentation). Denis told Michelle that we had to change two items: we could not prescribe digging tools as other than “hand implements” and we could not specify the number of hoes. We had specified “clam rakes only” as a way to protect the resource; and, we had instituted a two hoe license to allow the practice of a single licensee taking multiple people to the flats, with two hoes instead of one.
 - b. Denis is to send a marked up copy of our ordinance; however, we may have to edit ourselves in order to meet the timing of the next available warrant, with relevant timelines and selectboard approvals.
 - c. Bob to edit and distribute before our next meeting (3/21); at that meeting we’ll review, edit, and then (hopefully) vote to send it to the Selectboard as our recommendation for Ordinance revision.
3. To have the Commission discuss and possibly act on accepting a resignation request.
 - a. Jessie Russo has accepted a merchant marine job; great news for Jessie, and we wish her well; however, she has resigned from the Committee due to her new travel schedule.
 - b. The SCC recommends that the Selectboard accept Jessie’s resignation, with appropriate thanks for all the work she’s done.
 - c. The SCC will consider recommendations for a replacement at our meeting 3/21/2015.
4. Non-agenda items to be presented by the Commission.
 - a. None at this time.
5. Meeting adjourned.