

Town of Chebeague Island
Shellfish Conservation Commission Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 2018 @ 9:00 AM
at the Public Safety Building/Town Office

Minutes

In attendance: Ernie Burgess, Gary Ross, Mac Passano, Bob Earnest, Carol White

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Discuss 3 upcoming proposed leases / lease changes:
 - a. Oysters: 1 acre off NW corner Little Chebeague
 - b. Seaweed: 4 LPA's off Seal Ledge
 - c. Oysters: expansion of intertidal farm off NW corner Little Chebeague

We discussed each of the three proposed new / changed leases.

- 1. LPA's (4) off Seal Ledge, kelp, November thru May: no public hearing; lobstermen or scallop fishermen are encouraged to write to DMR to share their opinions.***
 - 2. Experimental off NW corner Little Chebeague, 4 fathom, 1 acre, oysters: there should be a state required scoping session and public hearing, where Chebeague residents will be able to speak***
 - 3. Conversion of experimental to standard off NW corner Little Chebeague, at/above low tide line, larger footprint: the scoping session is scheduled for 3/19, alt date 3/26.***
 - 4. The Shellfish Commission has standing and signature required for proposed leases that affect our managed resource; this means only leases in the intertidal.***
3. Public comment / other topics. ***Note at this time.***
 4. Adjourn. ***We adjourned at 9:50am.***