COASTAL WATERS COMMITTEE
MINUTES, MEETING OF 1/16/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Wentworth, Justin Doughty, Aaron Rugh, Alex Todd, Geoff Summa

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marjorie Stratton, Genaro Balzano, Herb Maine

1. Call to Order 6:03

2. Approval of Minutes from 9/19/19. Motion by Justin Doughty, Kevin Wentworth, 2nd. Unanimous.

3. Reports: Harbormaster: Aquaculture activity remains high. Shoveling floats. Increased application activity for moorings in Chandler’s Cove, mostly non-resident. CWC to address at next meeting. HM to attend meeting at end of month in Castine.

Shellfish: Quiet winter.

4. Old Business:

1. Review Aquaculture Process. Selectman Herb Maine explains the BoS’ position in the process and the urgent need for the TOCI/BoS to effectively participate in the application meetings/hearings/scoping sessions. CWC and BoS need to have the tools, information, and communication to work together moving forward. Open discussion regarding the impact of Aquaculture on our community. Herb asked “What is Intervenor Status?” And how can we use this effectively when necessary in the future.
The CWC and BoS are to create a report that contains more details and descriptions than the initial “Lease Impact Assessment” currently in place. This will help CWC inform the BoS of our recommendations on future lease applications.

GOAL: Create an effective and efficient process to review and assess any applications for Aquaculture in the TOCI coastal waters.

5. New Business:

1. All CWC members to make a map reporting all marine activity within TOCI coastal waters.

2. Stewart Hunt: He has misplaced gear between Chebeague Island and Little John. Lease to be terminated.

3. Summit Point: Coast Guard writing a letter declaring the site will be a navigational hazard.

6. Motion to Adjourn at 7:32 by Justin Doughty, Kevin Wentworth, 2nd. Unanimous.