

Minutes for Shellfish Meeting on April 12, 2017

1. Meeting called to Order by PJ at 6:02 PM
2. No Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for 3/29/17-Motion made by David 2nd by Joe- accepted with unanimous vote
4. Mike read his numbers for the 2016 Calendar Year as Follows: 764 hours, 6886 miles, 108 diggers checks, 2 warnings, 114.5 bushel of clams checked, 8.5 hours of court time and 234 hours of total conservation
5. Mike told everyone where they stood regarding meeting hours and conservation time—Sherman Frank said he had more meeting than I said, I told him that I would look into it
6. Conservation: April 19, 2017 meet at DOT to work on nets, April 30 meet at DOT to get nets and assignments for net placement along with teams, May 14 met at the Pickle Wrinkle at 6 AM for Birch Harbor dig and transplant
7. Update from Heidi Leighton about the box project in John Small Cove-the boxes were put out in July taken up mid-October, open boxes caught more spat than the boxes with the net, Heidi hoped she would be able to do the project in John Small again this only on the high flat
8. Mike talked about the Ordinance Changes that were discussed at the last meeting:
 1. He read the List of Requirements to show proof of residence, John Keenan asked why are you doing that, all you have to do is refer to Title 21 subsection 1A ???. Mike told him that with a list people could pick what documents they wanted to use to prove they were a resident. Mike explained that Heidi had given him the language as Pembroke and Perry have in their ordinance. He argued with Mike about how it should be done, he also told Mike that he singled him out last year to make him prove his residence. John coming talking and PJ told him that was enough, Mike did his job.
 2. Have to be a resident of the Town of Gouldsboro to serve on the Shellfish Committee.
 3. Put wording in the Ordinance under exceptions to allow the Selectmen to change the amount of conservation time by holding a hearing and following proper procedures. Motion was made by PJ to accept changes as discussed—David 2nd motion passed unanimously

9. Comments on the Presentation by DEI Representative—Tom Saad thought the guy knew what he was talking about. Joe thought it was scary when he mentioned about clam flats leased by an individual-Sherman thought it would have a direct effect on the price of clams, David commented that something needs to be done as the 7 town diggers are only getting about a ½ bushel of clams per tide, Tom saw a need to seed to be able to keep up with demand.
10. Large Clams: Mike asked if the diggers would consider going down to 3 ½ large clam, lot of discussion size, it was decided if you exceed 10% a summons will be written. Heidi spoke about the 1 ½ inch clam size that it came out of committee as it not pass. The four inch size has support in the State
11. Flat Rotation: It was decided that we leave the areas as they are for another year. Heidi was asked about clams from DEI and their survival rate, she told them that planting clams is not exact science-it is trial and error, the more clams you have spawning in an area the better chance of more survival you have
12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Joe—2nd by David-passed unanimously

Submitted by
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Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for April 12, 2017

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2017
4. Year End Numbers for 2016
5. Revisit Meeting / Conservation Time
6. Conservation Projects
 - a. April 30th Net Placement
 - b. Need a Night or Afternoon to Repair Nets
 - c. May 15th Birch Harbor Dig
7. Update from Heidi Leighton Area Biologist
8. Ordinance Changes
9. Comments on Presentation by DEI Rep
10. Large Clams
11. Flat Rotation
12. Next Meeting May 10
13. Motion to Adjourn