

Shellfish Conservation Committee-Public Hearing
March 4, 2024
Bristol Town Hall

Committee Members present: Scott Burke, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine, Steve Lackovic, Dave Cheney

Others present: E. Poland, Jay Turnure-DMR, Jess Bourne-Town Staff Liaison, Jen Casad

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for ordinance amendments to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, March 19, 2024 was called to order at 6:01pm.

There was no public comment. The committee reviewed ordinance amendments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05pm.

Regular Meeting

Minutes:

On a motion by Lackovic and seconded by Termine all approved the January minutes as written.

Conservation Hours:

There was discussion on how to best record conservation hours, it was decided that at each committee meeting members will report their conservation time to Jess to be recorded in the minutes.

Steve Lackovic: 1.5hrs South Bristol shellfish meeting, 5hrs Fisherman's Forum, 6hrs enforcement

Steve Termine: 1.5hrs South Bristol shellfish meeting, 5hrs Fisherman's Forum, Predator/Wildlife Management 6hrs, 2hrs upweller research

Dave Cheney: 5hrs Fisherman's Forum

Jess Bourne: 5hrs Fisherman's Forum, 2 hours preparing presentation for Fisherman's Forum

Warden:

Discussion was had about backup options for shellfish warden as our current warden, Brent Barter is dealing with some health issues. LCSO is always available to help out- though finding dedicated shellfish warden would be best

Review of Funds:

Discussed available funds- potential expenses for 2024 include: green crab traps, buoys, rope, seed stock, crates

This lead into a lengthy discussion about green crabs and how to best remove them from shell fishing areas.

DMR Listening Session:

Jess made the committee aware of an upcoming DMR listening session being held at Lincoln Academy 4-6pm on 3/13/2024

Other:

- Discussion was held about population surveys that Jen would like to complete this season for conservation work.
- The committee still wants to move forward with mapping out a potential area for LPAs

On a motion by Ronald Poland and seconded by Steve Termine the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Bourne
Shellfish Committee Secretary