

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Attended: Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, John Duane, Zack Dixon, Damian Parkinson

Other attendees: Nancy Civetta, Barbara Brennessel, Sonja Woodman, John Riehl, Ginny Parker, Melissa Yow, Steve Blanchard, Anne Sterling, Barbara Carboni, Jordan, Lillian, Helen Miranda Wilson.

R. Taylor called meeting to order at 4:04PM

Review and Approve minutes of June 21 and July 9, 2021 – T Siggia made motion to approve minutes as written, J Duane 2nd, all in favor 4-0.

Rights of Public Access Discussion – SAB and RPAC members S Woodman asked if the shellfish community are having any issues with access to their grants and wild fisheries. Jordan reviewed Map of each point of access for fisherman, boaters and walkers. Discussion continued on how we define access points. Should we add parking availability. Next step is to have the RPAC meet with conservation committee. Decided to continue discussion later this year.

Crab Pots and Turtles in our harbor – B Brennessel B Brennessel reviewed new procedures for trapping blue crabs. Many grant owners are trapping green crabs also. Her concern with both these traps are with turtles. They are getting caught in side and drowning. With the increased rate of turtle fatalities, DMF could impose more regulations. She informed us that you must have a letter of authorization from DMF. N Civetta will include a write up in next shellfish cryer informing the team of new procedures and reporting.

NRAB/SAB – Collaboration of Shellfish Management Plan J.Riehl discussed their teams work on the Harbor Management plan . Part of that plan includes the Shellfish Management Plan. He asked the team to update the SMP and also include “ How is shellfishing effecting the harbor?” . What are the benefits and what are we worried about. John and Tom will look into any updates in the last few years. Should be coordinated with the Local Comprehensive Plan. Target date is 2022.

Marina Advisory Meeting Update – Taylor/Siggia - R Taylor and T Siggia were invited to the July 14 MAB meeting. The Marina Advisory board would like more dialogue with the SAB. Education outreach , usage of harbor, additional signage and understanding what the SAB key issues are. With climate change , we should be discussing issues that effect both organizations and decide on a mutual plan to address. A joint meeting later this year should be held.

Topics for future meeting - Shellfish Management Plan, Curley Report, Waste Water vote per town meeting, Herring River update to name a few.

Next meeting – September 17, 2021 at 10am

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55PM