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## Marine Resources Committee

### MEETING AGENDA

June 1, 2022, 7 p.m.

Brunswick Town Hall

85 Union Street

April & May Minutes

Warden Report – Closures & Openings Update  
Canoe Storage @ Landings

- 1) Summer Conservation Activities ~Two Events
- 2) Spring Shellfish Update
- 3) Dana Morse (Maine Sea Grant) Clam Pipe Experiment
- 4) Maine DMR PSP (Red Tide) Forecasting Link
- 5) Summer Work Plan
  - a. Intertidal Mapping
  - b. Student Licenses Video
  - c. Green Crab Monitoring
  - d. Spat Collection/Upweller Project
- 6) New/Old Business

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**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee  
Action Minutes  
Zoom / In-Person Meeting  
April 6, 2022**

**Marine Resources Committee Members Present:** Chair Cody Gillis, Vice Chair Susan Olcott, Marko Melendy, Pete Mulligan, Anthony Yuodsnukis, and Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative)

**Members Absent:** Tim Johnson

**Staff Present:** Dan Devereaux, Costal Resource Manager; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden / Harbormaster

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Meeting room 206, Second Floor. Chair Cody Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes:**

**MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH. MOTION SECONDED BY MARKO MELENDY, APPROVED AMONG THOSE PRESENT.**

**Wardens Report:**

- Commercial Licenses are on sale.
- Do NOT Park in the “No Parking” spots at the Town Landings. Harvesters may unload their gear in these spots, but they must move their vehicles into a designated parking spot afterwards.
- Canoes and kayaks at any Town Landing must be removed in the next 30 days; you are no longer allowed to leave them as this has been misused.
- Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be on the lookout for potential opportunities.

**1. Elections**

**MOTION BY MARKO MELENDY TO NOMINATE CODY GILLIS AS CHAIR OF THE BRUNSWICK MARINE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE. MOTION SECONDED BY PETE MULLIGAN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO NOMINATE SUSAN OLCOTT AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BRUNSWICK MARINE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE. MOTION SECONDED BY CODY GILLIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY CODY GILLIS TO NOMINATE MARKO MELENDY AS THE RIVERS AND COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE. MOTION SECONDED BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **Right of Way Intertidal Access (Manomet) (Pages 8-62 Shore Access Report)**
  - a) Seeking input and information on local private and public access paths to the intertidal areas for shellfish or worm harvesting (Emily Farr): Emily Farr of Manomet provided a brief overview of the project and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that described what information they are looking for, data sharing and historical data. Committee members and citizens discussed public and private access paths / points and access points where they shouldn't be.  
CRM Devereaux to gather data discussed to be forwarded to Emily.
3. **Quahog Research (Manomet)**
  - a) Seeking partnership to conduct bag and net research on quahogs: CRM Devereaux stated that this is essentially a continuation of partnership that began a few years ago. He stated that they would like to continue this research, but a spot has not been determined. This project will be asking for harvester participation with the bags.  
Marissa McMahan of Manomet provided a description of the bags that they intend to use. With regards to a site, Marissa stated that they need to also think about how the sea ice will affect the bags.  
CRM Devereaux to look into whether they will need a permit from the Army Corps. of Engineers to put out the nets.  
Marissa stated that they are submitting the grant application for this project on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She added that there may be funds to help assist the harvesters who help with this project. Discussion among members and citizens regarding the mitigation of Picnic Pond on the former Navy Base. CRM Devereaux stated that the mitigation report has just been released. Marko Melendy stated that you can find more information by viewing the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission for February, 2022. Susan Olcott added that she has written an article regarding PFAS or the Harpswell Anchor and will forward contact information for Kristine Logan, Executive Director for those who would like more information or have questions or concerns. To view Susan's article please see the [Harpswell Anchor](#) or visit the link at [Town raises concerns about discovery of 'forever chemicals' in Harpswell Cove - The Harpswell Anchor](#)
4. **Ordinance changes (Pages 63-68)**
  - a) Conservation Buy Back (Town Council recommended 100.00 per credit): CRM Devereaux stated that the Town Council did not approve the \$25.00 per credit buy-back and instead they suggested \$100.00 per credit. Marko Melendy asked what other towns do and CRM Devereaux replied that they vary from \$25.00 to \$50.00. He also stated that they now have the ability to separate funds so whatever money goes into the buy-back program will go directly back to conservation efforts.  
Members and citizens discussed the trash issues.
  - b) One Day Licenses Language: CRM Devereaux stated that having a 1-day license for the average citizens will help them realize what a process this and hopefully public support for this program. CRM Devereaux provided a brief review of the draft language. Citizens discussed the pros and cons and the difference between the one-day license and the

recreational license. Discussion regarding education of one-day harvesters; video or fact sheet.

**MOTION BY CODY GILLIS TO APPROVE THE CONSERVATION CREDIT BUYBACK PROGRAM AT \$100.00 PER CREDIT. MOTION SECONDED BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY MARKO MELENDY TO APPROVE THE ONE-DAY RECREATIONAL LICENSE LANGUAGE AS AMENDED WITH A COST OF \$25.00. MOTION SECONDED BY SUSAN OLCOTT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Conservation closure rotation**

- a) Harpswell Cove Opening Date (Softshell Clams Only): Discussion amongst members regarding the opening date. Cody Gillis stated that they opened Harpswell Cove on July 1<sup>st</sup> last year. He suggested that they open earlier this year. Members in agreement to open on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. CRM Deveraux to reach out to DMR for approval.
- b) Summer 2022 Closures: Cody Gillis suggested Upper Thomas Point Beach inside the stone wall and Clay Cove. CRM Deveraux to bring closure maps to the June meeting.

**6. New/Old Business**

- Town Councilor Steve Walker stated that it has been 18 years since they have discussed the stream protection and setback ordinance and given all the new development, recent water quality reports and climate changes, he suggested that they extend the minimum setback from the water to 100 feet and make that no cut in the stream protection zone. CRM Devereaux discussed recent the P90 scores in Maquoit Bay. P90 score can be found on the DMR website, Maine Shellfish Closure & Monitoring Map, Map of Shellfish Growing Area Water Quality Classification Information: Maine Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Public Health . Dan stated that DMR had entered some survey data wrong for 2021, but surveys are showing elevated fecal chloroform. He and MWH Sylvain will be conducting a more in-depth study in the upper Maquoit Bay this summer.  
Susan Olcott suggested that they make a requirement that requires septic system review for deed transfers. Councilor Walker stated that they had tried to go above and beyond that requiring that septic systems also be pumped every three years, but it turned into an enforcement nightmare.  
Dan to look into / discuss enforceability with the town attorney, Planning Director and Codes Enforcement Officer.

**Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee  
Action Minutes  
Zoom / In-Person Meeting  
May 4, 2022**

**Marine Resources Committee Members Present:** Chair Cody Gillis, Tim Johnson, Marko Melendy,

**Members Absent:** Vice Chair Susan Olcott, Pete Mulligan, Anthony Yuodsnukis, and Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative)

**Staff Present:** Dan Devereaux, Costal Resource Manager; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden / Harbormaster

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Council Chambers. Chair Cody Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes:** Postponed

**Wardens Report:**

- Canoes and kayaks at any Town Landing must be removed by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Conservation point collection has begun as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. A list of conservation opportunities will be available at the June meeting.
- Sunday closures begin June 1.

**1. Conservation closure rotation**

a) Harpswell Cove Opening Date (Softshell Clams Only): Opening June 20<sup>th</sup> to softshell clams only.

b) Summer 2022 Closures (Clay Cove and Upper Thomas Point Beach): Cody Gillis described the reasoning behind the closures as discussed at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Decision to close Clay Cove from 6/20/22 and open on 6/20/2023.

Harvester Ray Trombley stated that he does not want to see Thomas Point Beach closed for a whole year. He suggested that they do a spring closure. Cody asked if a late autumn to June closure would work. CRM Devereaux replied that the good thing about a summer closure is that it allows for the softshell to spawn. Dan discussed previous rotating closure dates at Thomas Point.

Harvester Blain Lund suggested that they close June thru late August and conduct a survey to look at growth before deciding on an opening date. Dan stated that they could set a date of July 15<sup>th</sup> to conduct a survey to see if they can open in August.

Dan discussed the artificial sand inputs from Thomas Point Beach and stated that these inputs are no longer mandated. Dan will be working Mike from Thomas Point Beach on beach restoration.

Decision to close Thomas Point Beach from June 20<sup>th</sup> to indefinite with a survey date of July 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Clam Recruitment Boxes (Thomas Point and Harpswell Cove):** CRM Deveraux stated that they have already deployed recruitment boxes; Brian Beal is already getting decent data. The expectation is that this will continue. They may dispatch a larger, 4\*8 spat recruitment box at Thomas Point as an experiment.
3. **DMR Shellfish Advisory Committee Update:** CRM Deveraux provided a brief overview of the Shellfish Advisory meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged members and harvesters to attend as many meetings as they can to voice their concerns and discuss what works and what doesn't work at the state level.  
Ray Trombley, harvester and DMR Shellfish Advisory Committee member agreed that the discussion at the meeting was productive. He noted that the Town of Waldoboro has two upwellers and that the Medomak River is very productive. Dan clarified that they are not upwellers, but shellfish wraths. Dan provided a brief overview of the wraths. Ray stated that they could use these on the New Meadows River and Long Reach. Marko Melendy to reach out to Bowdoin College to see if they have any hydrographic models for those areas. Ray stated that another big item of discussion at this meeting was land access.
4. **2021 Shellfish Landing Data:** CRM Deveraux reviewed the 2021 Shellfish Landing Data and explained how they use this information at the management level to make decisions. Harvester Blain Lund asked if there will be funding to assist in Green Crab bait. MWH Sylvain replied that he can look into this.
5. **New/Old Business**
  - Town Councilor Steve Walker stated that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has set aside 400 million in grant funding for tidal restoration projects with very little match required. He suggested New Meadows as a potential area. He said that it would be great if the harvesters from West Bath and Brunswick could get together and begin discussions.

## 6. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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