

**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee
Action Minutes
Zoom Meeting
January 6, 2021**

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

Members Absent: Blaine Lund

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

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Meeting Room. Chair Susan Olcott called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes:

MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY SUSAN OLCOTT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Warden's Report

- There have been less air boats and harvesters out lately due to the cold.
- Reminder your Letter of Intent for 2021 is going to be due soon for Commercial Licenses.
- Maquoit Bay will reopen at 12:01A.M. on January 17th.
- There have been issues with car burglaries recently in Freeport, Bath, and West Bath from out of state gangs. Please lock up before heading out.

1. **Miller Point Update** (Pier Assessment): Susan Olcott provided a brief overview of the 12/2/2020 meeting discussion.

Dan Devereaux pointed out that this application has not yet been officially submitted and that all concerns should be forwarded to the Town Planning Department.

Dan Deveraux stated that the private engineer, Stantec, confirmed the concerns that the Town had already expressed during the summer survey. Dan said that he has also spoken with Barney Baker regarding the project. When all the information is compiled, Dan will bring that information back to the Committee for further discussion.

Dan Sylvain reviewed the survey process conducted by Stantec and provided a brief overview of what they found in both test areas.

Town Councilor Steve Walker asked if this project would affect Green Crabs. Dan Deveraux replied that this would create a habitat for the Green Crabs. Dan discussed his concerns regarding big projects in small coves. Members discussed some of the unique potential impacts.

Dan Deveraux and Councilor Walker reviewed the application process per Marko Melendy's request.

2. Task Force Update

- a. Conservation opportunities: Susan Olcott noted that they have waived the requirements during COVID, but they are looking to add more meaningful opportunities post COVID. One idea is to look at more student training opportunities both in-person and via video.
- b. Student Training Video: The Task Force is looking to redo the training video. Susan Olcott has spoken to Rick Wilson regarding topics that need to be discussed and added to the video to see if a student can write the script.

Susan stated that other items the Task Force is discussing is shoreline inputs and source point pollution as well as an optional approach to report catch in some way.

- 3. Thomas Point update: Dan Sylvain stated that they are still working on signage. DMR still has not updated the map on their site, but the harvesters are aware of where they can dig. Dan noted that Thomas Point has closed their gate and the only way to access the area is by boat.
- 4. Airboat update: Susan Olcott stated that the air boat language that they commented on through IF&W has been discarded. This issue is now going to be taken up through the Legislature via a couple of different bills. Susan and Dan Deveraux encouraged harvesters stay on top of this as things can sometimes happen quickly.
- 5. Timothy Johnson Aquaculture Application (Site Survey): Timothy Johnson provided a brief overview of his proposed project. He discussed his proximity to the intertidal zone and stated that he is trying very hard to be the least intrusive as he possibly can be.

Dan Deveraux walked through the location map and reviewed his MEMO to the Town Manager dated 12/29/20.

Dan Sylvain to schedule a site visit.

Timothy discussed his ideal schedule and said that the sensible approach is to treat this without restrictions.

Dan explained the process and stated that Timothy has just completed his public scoping session.

- 6. Quahog /Seeding Locations: Dan Deveraux asked for harvesters think about areas where they can reseed the seeds. Dan would like to see these in a closed area and an area that will not be conflicting. They hope to establish the location in March.
- 7. Elections

MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO NOMINATE CODY GILLIS TO CHAIR OF THE BRUNSWICK MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY SUSAN OLCOTT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.


MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO NOMINATE SUSAN OLCOTT TO VICE CHAIR OF THE BRUNSWICK MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY MARKO MELENDY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. February Agenda:
- a. Miller Point Update
 - b. Legislature update
 - c. Quahog Seeding / Location

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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