

**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee  
Action Minutes  
Zoom / In-Person Meeting  
February 1, 2023**

**Marine Resources Committee Members Present:** Chair Cody Gillis (arrived at 7:06), Vice Chair Susan Olcott, Marko Melendy, and Camden Reiss, Peter Milligan

**Members Absent:** Anthony Yuodsnukis, and Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative)

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

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Council Chambers. Vice Chair Susan Olcott called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes:** Tabled

**Staff Report**

- Conservation Report (Warden)
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to accrue conservation points. If you do not have them by then, you will need to purchase them by the end of the day on February 15th.
  - Letters of intent are due.
  - Town line by Crow Island boundary issues. Please refer to Item # 5 New Business / Old Business.
- Pesticide & Fertilizer Ord. Update (Environmental Planner): CRM Devereaux reviewed an email from the Town Environmental Planner, Ashley Charleson. This ordinance update is being worked on. Staff is also looking into ways that they can educate citizens when the ordinance is updated.
- Legislative Update (CR Manager)
  - LR 287, An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs: CRM Devereaux provided an overview of LR287 and stated that they are moving forward with this act that releases the Town from the LPA Fees. Staff will continue to work with DMR on this along with the local representative. They are also hoping to lessen the educational requirement. CRM Devereaux reviewed the educational requirements per Susan Olcott's request.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Middle Bay Aquaculture Lease DMR Hearing February 7th, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. for Tim Johnson's lease. This will be held at the Community College at Brunswick Landing. This meeting will be recorded.

- Maine Fishermen's Forum March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Rockland with a Clam Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is all about shellfish.

### **Public Comment Period**

#### **Vice Chair Susan Olcott opened the meeting to Public Comment.**

- Harvester Blaine Lund asked who takes care of the Maquoit Bay Landing when it snows. CRM Deveraux replied that he has plowed it in the past but has asked Parks and Recreation to assist. They will plow when they have a change after they complete their other assigned tasks. The request has been made. The next steps would be to reach out to the State and see if they can plow it, but believes that reaching out to Parks and Recreation would be their best bet. Harvester George Bernier agreed with Blaine's request and described the damage that needs to be fixed at the landings. Town Councilor Steve Walker addressed the issues and stated that he will touch base with IF&W with regards to the parking at Wharton Point and Maquoit Bay.
  - Harvesters Blaine Lund described trash and debris that has been washing ashore and described a lot of debris (glass, traps, oyster bags, PVC pipe) at Bunganuc Creek. He wonders if there is a way to set shoreline cleanup for the oyster farms. CRM to reach out to the farms in the area. Susan Olcott suggested that they invite the oyster farms to participate in the shoreline cleanup. Members discussed requiring gear to be tagged and cleanup advertisement.
  - Harvester Ray Trombley stated that he does not feel that the boundary on the North, was discussed earlier in the meeting, is correct. CRM Deveraux stated that he will need to discuss this with Sitelines P.A. and reviewed the process. MWHM Sylvain stated that they will follow these maps for now and will research this issue more.
  - Harvester Ray Trombley stated that he is part of the Clam Steering Committee and stated that they are looking to put a float in the Yarmouth Clam Festival. He is looking for volunteers and ideas for the float.
  - Harvester George Bernier spoke about clam loss in areas around Brunswick. He asked if staff was still looking into this. MWHM Sylvain stated that spring surveys will be going out shortly.
1. Downeast Institute Clam Fecundity/Reproduction Study (Dr. Brian Beal): Dr. Beal reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and study findings. Dr. Beal answered questions and described the process that he is going to be using. CRM Deveraux to forward out the dates / times.
    - i. Location (Ease of Access/Productivity?): Location to be in the upper Maquoit Bay.
    - ii. Participants (Committed Participants): For those that assist the grant will pay them \$450 for that tide.
  2. 2023 Seed Purchases (Committee): CRM Deveraux reviewed the softshell prices included in the packet materials. He stated that he would suggest they go with quahog seed and using similar protocols as they have previous years. He added that staff has submitted a grant with IF&W for the purchase of an upweller; it would be stationed at Gurnet Lobsterman Cottage.

CRM Deveraux to look into the addition of a surcharge.

Decision among members to purchase quahog seed.

3. Identify Summer Propagation Area: Camden and CRM Deveraux provided an overview of the proposed locations for Quahog propagation to be planted in August.
  - Thomas Point Beach (Camden Reiss)
  - Harpswell Cove (Staff)
  - Middle Bay (Staff)
4. Update on Nutrient Monitoring Program (Staff): CRM Deveraux stated that they have had an initial meeting with Friends of Casco Bay to discuss the parameters of the monitoring and will be having another meeting to discuss other areas that they may want to include in this monitoring.
5. New/Old Business:
  - Town Boundary Verification: Staff has worked with the state, GIS maps, and Google Earth and GPS walked and flown, with a drone, the boundary line. Please refer to the pictures that staff has generated for lines. In the spring, staff will be putting out markers for clearer delineation.
  - Andre Lardy the Service-Learning Coordinator at Brunswick High School, would like to reinvigorate the student program. Susan Olcott to update the Committee as more information arises.
  - Staff will be working with Jessica Joyce and a representative from UMaine on a Working Waterfront Inventory.
  - Town Council will be looking at the 283 acres that was just purchased and future Land Use. When the discussion begins, they will be looking for BMR input.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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