

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

Marine Resources Committee Members Present: Chair Cody Gillis, Max Burtis, Marko Melendy, and Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative) Peter Milligan

Members Absent: Susan Olcott, Camden Reiss, and Anthony Yuodsnukis

Staff Present: Dan Devereaux, Costal Resource Manager; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden / Harbor Master; Fran Smith, Town Clerk

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Council Chambers. Chair Cody Gillis called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Members shall declare potential conflicts at the start of the meeting or prior to any item.

Roll Call of Members/Acknowledgement Notice of Meeting

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments/Announcements (for non-agenda items) three minutes for each speaker:

- Tim Gagnon, resident of 14 Timber Lane, proposed allowing college student diggers to begin harvesting before June 15th.
- Blaine Lund, commercial harvester, reviewed the petition he has put together regarding concerns with the time change of the BMR meetings. Marko Melendy expressed that he too has concerns about the new meeting time. CRM Devereaux stated that there was a meeting betMarine Resources staff, the Town Clerks Office, the Town Manager and Chair Gillis regarding possible days and times when the TV staff would be available along with council chambers. He is more than happy to look at this again to see if there are any other potential openings.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Brunswick Town Council Meeting June 5th, 6:30
- Brunswick Yard Scaping Seminar June 6th, 6:00
- June 11th 11-2pm Shoreside Clean Up (Wharton Point)
- June 23rd 1:30 pm [DMR Shellfish Advisory Meeting](#) (online)
- June 28th 6:00 pm Rivers and Coastal Water (Tentative)

Staff Report

- Climate Action Plan: CRM Devereaux stated that a group has been chosen and they have had one preliminary meeting. Please forward questions regarding this plan to Ashley Charlsen in the Planning Department.
- Darling Marine Center Clam Pipe Experiment: This project is similar to the one that Chris Green did in Woodward Cove. The marine center will be looking for volunteers. More information forthcoming.
- Loggers: Staff is using HOBO Data Loggers in the bays to collect data. If you are in the water and see one, it would be really easy and helpful to download the data. If you would like to know more about how to download that data, please see CRM Devereaux. Max Burtis asked if there was a budget for items such as this. CRM Devereaux replied that there is an equipment and supplies budget of roughly \$2,000. Max added that he would like to see what the dissolved oxygen levels are in the future. CRM Devereaux replied that this may be something that they try obtaining a grant to cover as it would be interesting to see the count. Intern, Madison Baily, added that she can collect water samples and figure out the dissolved oxygen in places when she is out.
- Wardens Report:
 - DMR has approved Tim Jonson's lease with modifications.
 - Sunday closures will start June 1st thru October 10th
 - Be mindful of boats on moorings when it is windy as staff has received some complaints.
 - Please be mindful of how you are harvesting. Do not go over a peck bucket.
 - State VIBRIO Training has begun.
 - A Civil Summons has been issued to a recreational harvester. A suspension hearing is to be set. Fran Smith noted that there is a higher threshold for a Commercial Harvester versus a Recreational Harvester.

New Business

1. Shellfish Inventory Schedule: Cody Gillis stated that the town is in development with GIS to simplify the process. DMR is involved and the contractor is lined up to conduct the survey. There is a signup, please see CRM Devereaux.
2. Manomet Green and Blue Crab Report: Jessie Batchelder of Manomet provided a PowerPoint presentation on Green and Blue Crabs through surveys they have conducted.
3. Landowner Appreciation Letter: Chair Cody Gillis reviewed the LAL letter. This will be sent out soon.
4. Upweller 2024 Planned Activities: CRM Devereaux stated that the upweller is currently being built. CRM Devereaux has spoken with Hoopers Island with the hopes of a fall delivery. It will be deployed at Gurnet Lobsterman Cottages waterfront. In 2024 the town will be maintaining an upweller daily and would like to get the harvesters involved on a rotation. Max Burtis added that he is super excited that this is happening and asked about staffing if they cannot fill it with harvesters alone. CRM Devereaux replied that

they will have a class prior to deployment and noted that in the first year, staff will be there daily.

5. Summer Quahog Planting: CRM Deveraux stated DMR lifted and cleaned the bags a month ago and also took some of the samples off Rocky Pont. Staff cleaned the rest of the bags and would like to plant the seed on Oceans Day, June 7th. Areas considered are Harpswell Cove and any area that can be clearly marked. Max Burtis likes the idea of putting quahogs in areas that they haven't seen them as much and learning from that.

Old Business

1. Sunday Closures (postponed until after inventory surveys): Inventory will be done this year. Quahog planting may be something they consider during licenses.

July Agenda Items:

- Civil Summons hearing.

Adjourn:

This meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary