Shellfish Commission Meeting Tuesday June 11, 2024

Item. 1 - Call to Order
Meeting called to order 6:32 PM by Chairman Nygren.

Item 2. - Those Present
Attendees:
Paul Erickson
Terry Twomey
Noah Nygren
Travis Turner
Daryen Granata - Marine Resource Officer
Don Hamill - Council Liaison

Also present:
Andy Blanchard
Mike Lemelin
Peter Angis
Sue and Ed Blanchard
Chuck Maynard
Jason Quirk

Item 3. - Approval of Minutes.
Motion to approve Paul Erickson seconded by Noah Nygren. Approved unanimously.

Item. 4 - Harbormaster Report. (Given at end of the meeting by Daryen Granata)
Started in new role yesterday. Green crab traps. Will buy new ones. Survey Wed. at 0800. Will go home to get new rulers. Shellfish Hotline. Cellphone hotline will be discontinued. Use this number in the meanwhile. (207) 730-4000. Anyone who has input please contact Daryen.
Question why did the clam seed money come off the budget?

Need 200K or 1MM seed clams @ $7 per 1000 or 1MM seed clams.

Piers and floats - want them clear of debris. Will be cleared. The Town Manager signed a grant for replacement of all of the floats. Second one is underway. Signed and submitted yesterday.
Recreational boating funding. Concrete pillars and pads are deteriorating.
DOT and DMR responsible for approval of funds.

Item 5: Town Council Liaison's Report
Councilor Hamill congratulated Harbormaster Granata and spoke to the good work by the two waterfront committees on a host of controversial issues which have been addressed successfully by a combination of a core of members who have direct harvesting and / or marine experience as well as new members who bring other skills such as facilitation and process.

Item 6: General Public Comment

- Chuck Maynard - Multiple guys approaching him. Is the shellfish commission pushing for this? Pushing for 1" rainfall limits.
- Paul Erickson had thought that by next year the clam harvesting will be diluted. Mentioned for discussion only. Some places have had bushel limits or days off.
- Chuck Maynard was concerned this was happening and he wanted to make sure. 100 percent the wrong way to go.
- Peter Angis: Thought this committee had seven members. (Five members now.) Dating back 38 years ago, we've had rough times, and Terry Twomey is the only one who has experienced them. Hate to see limits. Could be limited. The warden will have to enforce it.
- Ed Blanchard - Ramp at Jones Creek side. Any chance to have that refurbished? Lobstermen's dirt parking lot. Any thought to make that usable? Bottom - go off to the side.
- Andy Blanchard supports the comments made previously.

Item 7. Old Business

Clam population. No further discussion.

Item 8. New Business

- A new Shellfish Commission representative needs to be named to the Open Space Committee to replace Daryen Granata due to his appointment as Harbormaster.
- Daryen Granata reported that to make sure that 30 percent be maintained as open space by 2030. CWHC has been asked to recommend measures.

  24% of this has been accomplished already according to the Scarborough Land Trust and Farm Trust for the Nonesuch River.
  Scarborough Rod and Gun Club. Marsh was included in these. Autumn Speer and Jamie Fitch.

- Paul Erickson nominated Noah Nygren as Shellfish Representative to the Open Space Committee. Seconded by Travis Turner. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: On Clam Lottery. Need to make a revision to the ordinance. Lottery is always on Friday. Change to Monday or Thursday. Paul Erickson agreed.

Item 9. Set Next Agenda

Set the next agenda meeting. No meeting needed for July. August tentative.

Item 10. Adjournment

Motion by Paul Erickson, seconded by Travis Turner, to move approval to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.