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SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 13, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Item 1. Call to Order. N. Nygren, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Item 2: Commission Members Present. Paul Erickson, Travis Turner, Noah Nygren, Chair, Liam Erickson, Council Liaison Don Hamill and Daryen Granata, Marine Resource Officer.

Item 3: Review and Approval of Minutes. 6-11- 2024. Approved.

Item 4: Harbor Master's Report. D. Granata, MRO, gave update on the following:

- Purchased 10 green crab traps
- Working on putting the traps together. Giving some conservation time to assembly of traps
- Facebook Page- All clam/harbor/closure/news will be on FB page. Managed by D.G.
- Docs Creek is closed until Sept.
- Town issue crab traps- working to get inventory #s.
- Be sure to log conservation time.
- Crab kill over weekend.
- Conditional areas open 8/16
- Public works director- Sweep and line the parking lot before the next season. Please! Writing tickets. Need to have red parking lines.
- Commercial Harvesters lot- cleaned up big time. Due to clean beginning and end of summer.
- 10/10 Survey Clay pits/Spurwink
- 10/23 Survey nonesuch
- Right of way, Rachel Carson USA, at Spurwink river.
- Ordinance change- add harbormaster abilities to grant conservation time.
- $15k reimbursement for Cranes
- So many grants $800,000 that I can't recall all of them.

Item 5: Council Liaison's Report. Council Liaison Hamill gave the following updates**:**

- Current council working on revisiting goals.
- People are realizing that there are not many meetings left for the current council.
- 3 people departing. Top priority items on chopping block
- Maine Turnpike and smiling hill farm. Gorham connector
- Downs-recommendation for a community center.
- $6 Million appropriation for Scarborough Land Trust.
- School options in future.
- Paid parking-
- Charging to park on front lawns no longer being allowed.

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Public Comment. Lillian Erickson made comments to the Commission.

Item 7: Old Business. None at this time.

General topic discussed:

Motion by: Noah N. Seconded by: Paul

The Shellfish lottery is on Friday, Need to change it to Monday. Town hall staff do not work on Friday.

Move to table the new business regarding ordinance changes.

Noah Moves to Table for next meeting- Seconded by Paul. All in favor.

Item 8: New Business

Every commercial harvester required to do conservation time. Town should pay for the gear for the supplies.

Number the traps. Provide rope, buoy.

Ideas on marketing for green crabs?

Shellfish license money should go back to the seed fund.

Item 9: Set Next Agenda

Planning to meet in September.

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by L. Erickson, seconded by N. Nygren, to move approval to adjourn the meeting All in favor.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 p.m.

Signed by: Liam Erickson

(Meeting Official)

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