

Deer Isle-Stonington Shellfish Committee  
December 14, 2022

Attending: George Powell 367-5882, Billy Gove 479-1782, Andrew Wendell 348-6464,  
Alvah Wendel 479-7021, Alvin Jones 479-1696

Others attending: Pamela Wendell 322-3590, Bobby Blake 505-9108, George Robbins  
348-1040, Mabel Robbins 34801040, Dennis Pomeroy 930-5248, Stephen Ashey 505-2844,  
Crystal Gove 479-1782, Ben Hardie, John Robbins

#### Reading and approval of minutes

- George read the minutes from prior Shellfish Committee meeting
- Reviewed past conservation events
- Minutes approved as read

#### Chair Report

- Conversation with the area biologist - have hired a new person to run the municipal shellfish program. She has a background in aquaculture.
- Clammers are encouraged to communicate their concerns to the state

Warden Report - Shellfish Warden did not submit a report

#### Conservation Events

- Re-seeding
  - Billy Gove expressed concerns that after reseeding the clammers aren't able to check on the results.
  - Owners not permitting people to go down their driveways even to check the flats.
  - Suggest making this process more systematic with scheduled visits to see about success of reseeding
  - Access is the problem for a lot of sites. Need to get a canoe or row boat
  - Netting may help. Green crabs penetrate most netting.
  - Concentrating clams in square meters may be more attractive to green crabs
  - The area biologists survey sites afterward to see if the clams have survived.
  - Brian surveys areas
  - Suggest seeding closed areas so that there is a better chance for survival.
  - The committee can close areas.
    - Might practice rotating closures - where reseeding

George Powell  
Lucas Oliver  
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Billy Gove  
Alvin Jones

Andrew Wendell  
Pamela Wendell

- Inner Harbor is closed right now and is split between the two towns
- Webb Cove
- Some locations have been dug very hard this year. The flats may not recover quickly.
- Need to obtain permits to dig, transport and plant seeds.
- Alvah moves to seed inner harbor. Seconded. Approved by the committee.
  - Suggest that a smaller contingent load canoes.
  - Can paddle from Merchant Point
  - Need to have the permits in advance.
  - Recommend waiting until April when the weather has warmed a little.
  - If nets are used, you need to schedule pulling up the nets in the fall.
- Cleanup Days
  - Webbs Cove - landing available to clammers - approved by the committee
  - Spofford's Cove
  - Plumb Point
  - Cat's Cove
- Brushing
- Green crab intervention - picking them up on the shore. Timing is difficult. Volunteers want to earn credits in April and green crab intervention is better in the summer.
- Building relations with property owners
  - Most clammers follow the rules.
  - A few bad clammers irritate the property owners

Other business

- George wants to step down as the chair
  - Town Report needs to indicate work done in Deer Isle and Stonington
- Question: Has there been any change in policy about seaweed harvesting?
  - Property owners have challenged access to the intertidal zone - may be applicable for seaweed harvest.
  - Clams fall under the Fishing, Fouling and Navigation law.
- Move to electronic reporting for clamming

Meeting adjourned 7:02 PM

Next meeting January 11, 2023

- Election for chair, vice chair and secretary

Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Meeting began at 6PM in the Deer Isle Town Hall

There were 17 members in attendance

Reading and approval of October committee meeting

A report from the chair:

- Westin Bay, scoping proposal for scallops
- Youth and Senior license holders exempt from required conservation hours
- Luke Jordan and Greenhead Lobster both approached the committee chair for approval to farm Oysters. They are seeking to start an "experimental oyster lease farm"
- October 29 conservation event gathered 60 green crabs in one hour.
- November 7 conservation event to help bring the Downeast Institute's boxes

A Report from the Warden (Raelene):

- Clammers can dig in Merchants point but must park in designated area
- Clammers should not be dragging canoes across private property/lawns
- Clammers must be leaving any area they are clamming in cleaner than they found it.
- There is a new DA who has supported prosecuting people for violating clamming laws

Discussion about Setting up a conservation event in spring to reseed

- Merchants point
- Causeway
- Stinsons

Chair hoping more clammers go to Fishermans forum

Next meeting December 14, 2022 in Stonington at town hall

Meeting adjourned at 7Pm

*Keag Powell*

*Ben Han*  
*Billy De*  
*Arch Wade*

# Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Meeting began at 6PM in the Stonington Town Hall

There were 21 members in attendance

Reading and approval of September committee meeting

A report from the chair:

- Conservation Event November 7, 2022 at 2:30
  - We will be meeting at the Oceanville Causeway to retrieve the boxes put out last spring
  - We are supporting the Downeast Institute
- Chair went to two meetings on the Water Quality in Belfast and Machias, 10/11 & 10/12
  - Permitting issues were discussed
  - Enforcement of Agriculture Permits discussed
  - "1643 Act" warranty deeds
  - Fishing is considered Farming?
- Did we want to consider applying for a Grant to determine Old Rights of Way
- Town of Stonington wants to take over the recording and updating of Conservation Hours
- Conservation Event 10/29/22 at 7 am, picking up Green crabs at Crocket Cove
  - Meet at DI town Hall parking lot
- Discussion of Oyster seeding and potential for Oysters to take over Clam flats

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## A Report from the Warden (Raelene):

- Notice of Scoping Session 10/20/2022, 4 pm
  - Deep Blue Oysters
  - Westin Bay has 41.2 acres
- Broken or dirty clams cannot go to Dealer
  - Although some get broken in transit, it is the law that none be transferred to the dealer
- Raelene has 5 summons to give out

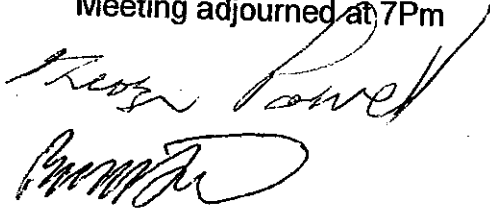
Discussion about conservation hours needed for license & 3 mandatory meetings per year

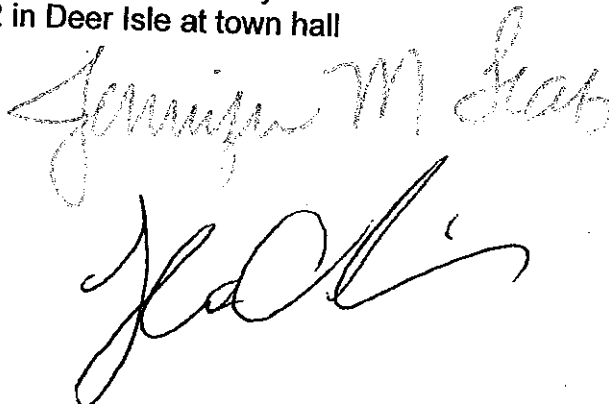
Budget: Voted and approved to set next years budget the same as this years.

Voted to keep license fees the same as this year

Next meeting November 9, 2022 in Deer Isle at town hall

Meeting adjourned at 7Pm





Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Meeting began at 6PM

Reading and approval of May committee meeting

A report from the chair:

- Conservation time, 1 hr awarded per meeting
- Municipal shellfish meeting Oct 11 & 12, 2022... would love to have clambers represented
- Concerns about aquaculture lobby and the need to protect clamming rights
- Oysters and Sea Squirts are taking over clamming flats

A Report from the Warden (Raelene):

- Started back at Stonington 6/7 as warden
- Jeremy Eaton is requesting conservation hours
- There are people living on a boat, potentially dumping refuse, clamming, no license.
- 9 summons have been issued
- Thefts and damage:
  - Stolen gear
  - Hoe rollers
  - 2 canoes cut off
  - 3 skiffs cut off or untied
  - 2 people lost tires
  - 8 calls about drones
  - 2 reports of people being told they cannot clam on flats that are open to clamming
  - 11 calls about people parking on private property
  - 3 houses had doors opened or broken into, reported to police, 2 taken over by state, 1 sherriff
  - Concerns about non-licensed diggers

Discussion about committee members staying the entire meeting

Discussion about conservation hours needed for license & 3 mandatory meetings per year

Chair proposed sending a letter or posting public notice in Island advantage

Next meeting October 12, 2022 in Stonington at town hall

Meeting adjourned at 7Pm

# Shellfish conservation committee

5/11/22

Meeting at Stonington Town Hall, began at 6 pm

Clammers continue to need conservation hours.

We will have an additional service opportunity 5/23/22 to pick up trash at Mariners Park  
To meet at Deer Isle Town Hall at Noon, last opportunity for service hours until September.

Next meeting 9/14/22 at Deer Isle Town Hall

Lobstering #1 economic employer, 4000, \$730+ million

Clamming #2 industry in Maine, 1500, \$25+million

Average clam prices 2020: \$2.40

Average clam prices 2021: \$3.36

\$55K Annual budget, most of it spent on enforcement

Meeting adjourned 7pm

In attendance:

<i>Maria Powell</i>	
<i>Jennifer McLean</i>	
<i>Chris W. W...</i>	
<i>Kurt Cronin</i>	
<i>Ben ...</i>	

Agree to the minutes:


# Deer Island-Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

Wednesday, 4/13, 2022

Location: Deer Isle Town Hall

Meeting started 6:05

### Attending:

George Powell	Phil McFarland	Ben Hardie
Abigail Barrows	Lucas Oliver	Billy Bone
Pamela Wendell	Hannah Annis	Dan Leaf
John Robbins	Kurt Ciomei	
Ed Billings	Jon Leaf	

Agenda: Read and Approve of minutes from Mar 9, 2022 minutes

### Report from the Chair:

Thomas Haynes: Seeking limited purpose aquaculture license, Canary Cove

Warden: Adopting a policy of warnings, has led to 2 new commercial licenses

Razor Clams: How to Survey  
4 inch minimum  
Discussion about addressing Razor Clams in Ordinance

Signed: George Powell

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022, Stonington

Meeting adjourned 6:51 pm

Kurt Ciomei  
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Shellfish Committee Meeting 2/9/2022, Convened 6:01 PM

Attending: George Powell, Raelene Pert, John Robbins, Alva Wendell, Crystal Gove, Alvin Jones, Ben Hardie, Billy (?)

Reading of the Minutes

- Alva Wendell Moves to Approve the Minutes, Alvin Jones Seconds, Approved unanimously

Downeast Institute

- Interest in putting out boxes in the flats for research
- Discussion of the reason for the research and how data are shared
- Suggested that they attend a shellfish committee meeting

Grant - Land for Maine's Future

- Steps - Map out areas where access is needed
- Deep Hole, Smalls Cove
- Letter of Intent - Due by February 28
- George will look into the options, Deer Isle might submit the proposal
- Should check with Stonington to see if they are submitting a proposal
- Grant proposal due by June 2, 2022

Future meeting dates

- April date conflicts with low tides - could move, option declined.
- Complication for commercial clambers - will have to attend three meetings in order to have a license. The count of attendance would begin after the town meeting and would apply to licensing in 2023.
- Need to post these new requirements to the town websites.
- Town clerk checks that clambers have met their service requirement in order to purchase the license. Committee Secretary Jennifer Leaf will work with clerks on this.

Conservation Events

- Shoreline Cleanup - Roadside Cleanup is April 22 - 24
- Webbs Cove
- Parking Improvement, Fish Creek Road site?
- Access on Oak Point - one location may be private property - near causeway
- Green Crab Grant - if funded - implementation
- Would like to involve youth
- Identifying markets, Re-seeding, Places to obtain seed. Possibly across from Mariners Park
- Places to seed Pressey Village - was re-seeded several years ago.
- Clam Survey - waiting for the State to tabulate the data

Shellfish Warden Report

- Severe challenge with access to the water
- A clammer went onto property that was posted no trespassing - State Warden wrote a summons - may be a \$1,000 fine
- Roads have been damaged by trespassers
- Merchants Point, Sunshine, Plumb Point, Bar Woods and other locations are being closed off
- Owner Appreciation activities: Picnics, Letters of Thanks, Shoreline cleanup, Driveway repairs

Next meeting

- March 9, 2022 6:00 PM Stonington Town Office

Adjourned at 7:10 PM

*George Powell*  
*Jennifer M Leaf*

*Alva Wendell*  
*Billy Hardie*



SHELLFISH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 1/12/2022

PRESENT: 3 Deer Isle and 3 Stonington members

PUBLIC: Evelyn Duncan, Selectman's Representative, 1 clammer

ITEM 1: Minutes November 2021 Moved and seconded to accept minutes Vote 6-0

ITEM 2: Powell reported that there will be a public hearing on the Ordinance change requests by the Board on Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> in Stonington 7PM  
Powell reported that there was a Shaft meeting last week and there are grants available for waterfront access. Board not sure what they would apply for.

ITEM 3: Powell passed out the rough draft for the grant to control the green crab infestation. The Board had no changes to offer.

ITEM 4: Moved and seconded to elect Jennifer Secretary for 2022 Vote 6-0  
Moved and seconded to elect George Chairman for 2022 Vote 6-0  
Moved and seconded to elect Ben as Vice Chairman for 2022 Vote 6-0

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.  
Next meeting February 9, 2022 at Deer Isle Town Hall

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan  
Secretary

George Powell

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Al J. W...

Billy...

Alvin Jones

Jennifer M...

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