

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*