

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