

Minutes Marine Resources Committee minutes Jan. 26, 2016

Members present:

David Wilson
Michael Bernier
Weston Watts
Justin Farmer
John Gormley

Others present

Selectman Kevin Johnson
Deputy Sheriff Kyle Neugebauer
Darcie Couture, marine resources coordinator
Roz Knight, Town Clerk
Jim Hayes, Harbor Master
Pete Thayer, DMR area biologist

Harvester present:

Wendell Cressey
David Hollingshead
Leon Hollingshead
Scott Moody Jr
Gareth Morgan
Brian Moody
Warren Grayhill Jr.
Ernie Pinkham
Guy Baker
Jeff Conant
Aaron Graves
Matthew Winn
Michael Darling
Russell Coffin
Walter Ward
Emily Bichrist
Josh Morse
Gene Graffam
Kevin Griffin
Johnathan Bear
Duane Toothaker
Scott Rouillard

Andrew Johnson
Phil Gray
Gordon Austin
Sam Desjardins
Mike Bernier

Meeting opened at 7 pm

- Approved minutes of Jan. 26 meeting
- Reed Coles from Harpswell Heritage Land Trust described the Otter Brook conservation project designed to protect area above Ewin Narrows from development. He reported that his organization hopes to raise \$500,000 and that the Selectmen has agreed to provide \$75,000 in town funds.
- Discussion regarding inviting Christ Warner to attend a committee meeting to describe his success at growing clams under nets to protect them from predators. David Wilson suggested that Ash Cove would be an ideal place to try Warner's methods to see if they would produce good results in Harpswell.
- Committee members selected their conservation dates for 2016.
- Pete Thayer, DMR area biologist, told the committee that the Manomet Foundation is examining what individuals from various towns are doing to enhance clam survival rates. The hope is to use grant money to partner with individuals to develop effective clam aquaculture methods.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Submitted by John Gormley

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