

Minutes Marine Resources Committee meeting minutes March 22, 2016

Members present:

Justin Farmer
Michael Bernier
David Wilson
Weston Watts
John Gormley

Others present

Deputy Sheriff George Bradbury
Darcie Couture, marine resources coordinator
Roz Knight, town clerk
Kevin Johnson, selectman
Jeff Slocum, candidate for the Maine House of Representatives

Harvesters present:

Rudy Toothaker
Paul Murray III
Stephen Taylor
Duane Toothaker
Clayton Gilliam
Matthew Winn
Wendell Cressey
Kyle Graffam
Gene Graffam IV
Jeff Conant
Andrew Johnson
Michael Davis

Meeting called to order 7 pm

- Discussion of choice of coves for a clam aquaculture project. Ash Cove considered prime candidate although there is a reported pollution problem at one end. David Wilson suggested that if some attention is brought to the problem it could be resolved.
- Darcie Couture noted that the owner of Snow Island is interested in doing a clam aquaculture project, including seeding clams and protecting them with

nets. Wilson suggested inviting him to a meeting of the committee to describe his plans

- Discussion of recent conservation closures on in Quahog Bay. The closure prohibits harvesting of clams Sunday through Wednesday but does not prohibit harvesting of quahogs. Members of the committee expressed surprised that the limits did not cover both clams and quahogs. Couture said she would contact the state to request that the closure be revised so that it covers both clams and quahogs.
- Jeff Slocum, a candidate for state representative, addressed the committee and said that if elected he would regularly consult with the committee on issues that affect the shellfish industry.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

Submitted by John Gormley

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