

Marine Resources Committee minutes 11-24-15

Members present:

David Wilson
Justin Farmer
Michael Bernier
John Gormley

Others present:

Selectman Kevin Johnson
Deputy Sheriff Kyle Neugebauer
Darcy Couture, marine resources coordinator
Scott Moody

Harvesters present:

John Farmer
David Wood
Richard Merritt
Terry Smith
Tim Ward
Roger Fontaine
Cecil Rodgers
Garreth Anderson
Scott Rouillard
Jason Field

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm

- Approved minutes of Oct. 27 meeting
- Discussion of placement of nets in October to protect young clams in Big and Little Oak Ledge (4 nets) and High Head (2 nets).
- Discussion of possibly harvesting clams from Stovers Cove for depuration. Before town can move ahead state needs to reclassify the area. Darcie Couture said state might reclassify the area in January. David Wilson said that Scott Moody was preparing a contract to buy clams for depuration from Harpswell diggers for \$10 less than the market price.
- Discussion of the possibility of seeding quahogs. David Wilson observed that the town has to conduct some quahog management activities in order to keep quahogs in the town's shellfish ordinance. Scott Moody noted that

quahogs are very hardy and that past efforts to seed young clams in Harpswell were very successful. Darcie Couture said that she would contact Denis Nault, state shellfish biologist, to discuss getting a permit from the state for seeding quahogs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by John Gormley