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Minutes

June 28, 2023

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- Open Meeting at 5:00
Attendance: David Wilson, Robt. Boyce, Warren Graybill & Assoc Mary Ann Nahf, Paul Plummer, Shellfish Admin; **Absent** Sean Hall, Mark Leuchtenberger, Todd McGee, Shellfish Warden
- **Minutes:** May minutes held to next meeting
- **Public Comment:** Harvester requested where to find Conservation Dates. He was advised to go to the posted dates or call Paul for details. Note: Look for Town Departments/Coastal Resources/ Municipal Shellfish Program.
- **Aquaculture Review Goose Island:** David commented it was for a change of gear, in the subtidal and saw no problem with the application. Committee concurred.
- **Landowner Appreciation Day Update:** Date set for Aug.20, 11am- 2pm at the Grange. Clams will be harvested the day before on the 19th for the event..
- **Use of Plastics/Styrofoam in Harpswell Waters:** Paul discussed with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee and their thought was to incorporate safeguards in to the wharf application rather than an ordinance. The Conservation Commission will discuss not only the materials used in floats, but address Sean's concerns about building material dust residue as part of cutting many of the composite materials near the water. David suggested we might look at what measures abatement programs use to keep the particles in place in order to be able to be disposed of at the end of a day.
- **Scheduling of Conservation Activities:** The following dates were set: 7/12 to spread seed; 8/8 9:30 am and 4pm
- **New Business:** David introduced a young man whose group wants to do shoreline cleanup. Locations that collect trash were given and advised will let them know when conservation dates are set and they could go along with harvesters. Their project is to learn where the trash collects, perhaps from currents, and what kind of trash is collecting. Suggested they take a photo with their phone to get location and type.
- There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm
- Submitted by: Mary Ann Nahf