



**Town of Harpswell, Maine
Marine Resources Committee**

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**Minutes
July 26, 2023**

Link to online replay: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/1503508>

The meeting opened at 5pm

- **Attendance:** David Wilson, Robt. Boyce, , Sean Hall, , & Assoc Mary Ann Nahf; Todd McGee, Shellfish Warden, **Absent** Warren Graybill, Mark Leuchtenberger, Paul Plummer, Shellfish Admin
- **Public Comment:**
- **Aquaculture Review.** White's Island-Committee saw no issues with having LPA in that area. It was moved by David and seconded by Sean that the committee approve the LPA application at that site. Passed unamously.
- **Transplant Update:** Transplanting brood stock scheduled for 8/8 9:30 to remove and 8/8 at 4 pm to transplant to Basin Cove
- **Landowner Appreciation Day Update:** Date set for Aug.20, 11am- 2pm at the Grange Conservation Date to dig clams for the event 8/19, meet Town Office 6:30. Collect at Brickyard and Rich's Cove.
- **Scheduling of Conservation Activities:** 8/8 9:30 to remove and 8/8 at 4 pm to transplant to Basin Cove. 8/13 Hildreth Rd. 9am to plant surf clams. 8/19 to dig for appreciation day; 8/20 attend full event; 9/23 Ocean cleanup day 11-2pm Meet 10am at Town Office
- **Warden's Report:** Todd McGee announced that Harpswell hasn't been negligent, but reminded the harvesters to remember the 5% rule for quahogs. Also, there have been thefts on the water recently and harvesters were requested to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and contact the sheriff's Office. 207-774-1444
- **Ordinance to contain plastics/Styrofoam near Harpswell Waters:** Sean reported that he has an ordinance from Camden that we could model our ordinance upon to assure new floats encapsulate Styrofoam used. He will work with Tim in Codes regarding the wording etc. Mary Ann is working on wording regarding containing plastic sawdust during general residential construction.
- **New Business:** Robert Boyce floated the idea that the harvesters add an extra \$50 to their license fee to begin to fund a type of reserve account that would go toward enhancing our grant requests for seed. The thought was our grants would have a better chance if the Town could show an investment by the harvesters as In-kind

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30

Submitted by: Mary Ann Nahf, Scribe