

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
SHELLFISH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

**Town Office Conference Room  
21 Sea Street  
Northeast Harbor  
(or ZOOM)**

Members Present: David Dunton, Brian Silverman (via Zoom), Rustin Taylor, Earl Moore, and Town Clerk, Claire Woolfolk.

I. Call to order 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

II. Warden Update

No wardens present to report

III. State Update

DMR Biologist, Hannah Annis, was unable to attend, however she did forward an email with various updates and Town Clerk, Claire Woolfolk, provided members with the updates and documents:

1. The Annual Review Letter/Deadline of due before April 1, 2024
2. 2024 Allocation Applications: due at least 30 days before licenses go on sale
3. 2024 Fisherman's Forum Shellfish Focus Day: [Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> - Seminar Schedule – Maine Fishermen's Forum \(mainefishermensforum.org\)](#)
4. DMR mini-grant opportunity: [Email with info and documents](#)
5. Scuttlebutt pamphlet, a local effort (Gouldsboro and Harpswell), this guide provides info for new and existing town property owners and what it means to live in a working water front community including issues of shore access for shellfish harvesters. : [Scuttlebutt – Gouldsboro Shore AND Harpswell WW Guide \(mainecoastfishermen.org\)](#)

IV. Review and Finalize DMR Shellfish Management Plan for Town of Mount Desert

The committee reviewed and finalized the Town of Mount Desert's Shellfish Management Plan for submission to DMR. Town Clerk, Claire Woolfolk, will submit the plan to DMR.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor moved, with Mr. Dunton seconding, to approve the Town of Mount Desert Shellfish Management Plan and submit to DMR. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Such other business as may be legally conducted

Town Clerk, Claire Woolfolk, reported the sales of Shellfish Licenses to date:

Residential Recreational	8
Non-residential Recreational	1
Residential Commercial	4 (2 post 90-day non-resident)
Non-residential Commercial	1

Discussion of when to schedule the next meeting. It was determined that a meeting needs to be held before the end of March in order to approve the Annual Report for DMR and to vote for the allocation plan for the upcoming season.

Next meeting will be on February 15, 2024.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Taylor moved, with Mr. Silverman seconding, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.