

# **TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2017**

**Town Hall Meeting Room  
21 Sea Street  
Northeast Harbor**

Members Present: Victor Doyle, Earl Moore, Thomas Falt, Ben Hamor, Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk, and Shellfish Warden Leigh Guildford. Also present were Commercial License holders Rustin Taylor, Laura Flannery, and David Dunton

I. Call to order 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Victor Doyle called the meeting to order at 4:47pm.

II. Warden Update

Officer Leigh Guildford reported that they had not seen any clamming activity. They had two dedicated surveillances and plan to take a boat out to Bartlett Island in the near future.

III. DMR Approval of May 2, 2017 Shellfish Ordinance Revision

Town Clerk Woolfolk presented the DMR approval of the updated May 2, 2017 Shellfish Ordinance. The revision incorporated the DMR suggested wording under Section 6. Opening and Closing Flats.

IV. Such other business as may be legally conducted

New licenses go on sale Monday, July 3 because the first falls on a Saturday.

Discussion regarding the installation of the Rales seawall boom and rubber guard to keep water out while under construction and if that could have affected the clam beds. Should the committee seek recompense to re-seed the area. It was suggested that Chairman Doyle touch base with code enforcement to discuss potential issues for shoreland applications with the Planning Board.

David Dunton reported that Bar Harbor would like to put some sub-plots/plant trays with nets to grow seed in the Otter Creek area. Megan McAlister suggested (6) 2 X 2 trays as an experimental project to test predation measures and is asking to collaborate with the Town of Mount Desert.

Laura Flannery would like to pursue a program with the SRA for environmental research and education for seeding/installing predation nets to protect clams from green crabs. It was noted that the Summer Residents Association, Friends of Acadia, College of the Atlantic, etc. should be contacted for support.

MOTION: Ben Hamor moved; seconded by Earl Moore, to have Laura Flannery put together a sub-committee to research a resource enhancement project. Motion approved 4-0.

David Dunton reported that Bar Harbor does not have interest in a regional resource management. He feels the towns would work better as separate entities; however, sharing warden resources and information/testing does work with Bar Harbor's interests.

Tremont was brought up as a potential community with interest in regional resource management.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Thomas Falt moved, seconded by Ben Hamor, to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.