

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
SHELLFISH COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

5:00 PM

**Town Hall Meeting Room (masks required)
21 Sea Street
Northeast Harbor
And ZOOM**

Members Present: Earl Moore, Brian Silverman, Rustin Taylor, and Town Clerk Claire Woolfolk. Also present were Commercial License holder David Dunton; DMR Biologist Heidi Leighton

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

Town Clerk, Claire Woolfolk, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. Warden Update

The wardens were not available to report. Brian Silverman requested that if one couldn't attend, that they submit a written report (i.e. email) for the committee.

Members asked who the current wardens are. Town Clerk Woolfolk indicated that Lt. Kevin Edgecomb and Officer Leigh Guildford are both Wardens, and she thought the new Deputy Harbormaster, Adam Thurston, is also a Warden. She would confirm.

The committee felt having a warden at the harbormaster's office would be important since often violators are on the water vs. dry land.

III. State Update

Heidi Leighton reported that Mount Desert needs to submit their 2020 Annual Report. Town Clerk Woolfolk noted that the new Treasurer, Jacob Wright, is reviewing the funding for expenses and would be in contact with Ms. Leighton. Once the questions are resolved, the report will be filed.

The 2021 report is due April 1, 2022.

IV. Select Chair and Vice Chair

Town Clerk Woolfolk noted that Victor Doyle had stepped down from the committee and that since the committee hadn't met since May of 2019 due to COVID, new Chair and Vice Chair positions needed to be elected.

Motion: Earl Moore motioned that Rustin Taylor be nominated as Chair; seconded by Brian Silverman.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried 3-0.

Town Clerk Woolfolk went over the duties for the Chair, namely setting up meetings for the committee, setting agendas, working with her to complete the annual report to DMR, and submitting an annual report to the Town to be included in the Town's annual report to residents.

Motion: Earl Moore motioned that Brian Silverman be nominated for Vice Chair; seconded by Rustin Taylor.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried 3-0

V. *Determine if the committee wants to continue to support the ordinance or let it revert to State Management*

It was determined that the committee wishes to move forward and continue with the ordinance to manage the resources locally.

VI. *Such other business as may be legally conducted*

Town Clerk Woolfolk brought up the subject of making Non-resident Commercial License holder, David Dunton, a member of the committee. The Shellfish ordinance and Town Charter do not require committee members to be residents of the Town.

It was agreed to put forth David Dunton as a shellfish committee member to the Board of Selectmen. He regularly attends meetings and would help to ensure that the required quorum is met for committee business.

Motion: Earl Moore motioned that David Dunton be appointed as a member of the Shellfish Committee; seconded by Rustin Taylor.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried 2-0-1 (Brian Silverman abstained).

The next meeting was set for March 3, 2022 at 5pm. Suggested agenda items will be the allocation plan for 2022, and completion of the DMR annual report.

VII. *Adjournment*

MOTION: moved and seconded (Taylor/ Silverman) to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.