**Shellfish Committee Minutes 040722**

**Attendees:** Chad Campbell, Buster Moore, Jim Peavey, Marissa MacMahan, Jon Hentz, Jon Collins, Stephen Mace, Alex Kelly and six members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes**:** Minutes of 3/03/22 approved as amended to reflect Conservation work Saturday April 23 with a 10:00AM meeting at the Town Office.

* Reviewed Robert’s Rules of Order, who serves on the committee and, when public comment is appropriate.
* Stephen will serve as secretary.
* Alex presented proof of residency changes to the commercial and recreational harvester applications. A motion was made, and the application changes were unanimously approved as presented.
* Manomet/coastal municipality harvester access mapping – Marissa.
	+ Towns up and down the coast are struggling with harvester access and the risk of losing what now exists is very real.
	+ Shellfish committees in towns including Freeport, W. Bath, Brunswick, Falmouth and Yarmouth have agreed to initiate access mapping. Beneficiaries include the harbor master and local shellfish warden.
	+ In the event a right-of-way or easement may be required for access, Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) will work directly with the property owner.
	+ Stephen will attempt to locate a document produced by Sewall Webster of historical access points in Georgetown.
	+ A motion was made to pursue access mapping and keep the information at the local level. The motion was passed unanimously.
* Opening the Dump to harvesting.
	+ Continuing discussion from 3/3/22.
	+ A motion was made to drop the closure for a three-year period with annual review of harvester monitoring of growth and seed set. Monitoring will utilize standardized DMR methodology with reporting via email to Marissa. The motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Schedule:** First Thursday of every month at 7:00PM

**Next Meeting: Thursday May 5, 2022 @ 7:00PM at the Town Office.**