

City of Biddeford
Shellfish Conservation Committee
August 16, 2023 6:30 PM Biddeford Pool Fire Department
2nd Floor Conference Room

Status:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. Meeting Minutes 7-19-2023
[Joint Harbor Shellfish Meeting Minutes 7-19-23](#)
- 3. Harbor Master Summary**
- 4. Presentation**
 - 4.1. Ari Leach, DMR
- 5. Old Business**
 - 5.1. Marshal Alexander Recognition Plaque
 - 5.2. Ordinance Revision update Sec 74-35 Wharfs, Piers, Landings
- 6. New Business**
 - 6.1. Reclassification of Biddeford's clam flats and dates of operation
 - 6.2. Emergency Response Points
[Harbor Commission Workshop July 13, 2023](#)
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjourn**

Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees: Peter Bouthillier, Andy Brady, Dan Chadbourne, Randy Desmarais, Paul Lariviere, Jim Lupien, Tom Milligan, Sean Murphy, Bill Stepchew

DISCUSSION:

1. Harbor Master Summary

The purpose of this discussion is to provide members with a summary of events that required the attention of our Harbor Masters during the period between scheduled Commission meetings.

- A vessel, owned by Coomer, became entangled on its mooring, dragged the mooring, and eventually struck another vessel. This event prompted the interaction of both Biddeford and Saco Harbor Masters resulting in several meetings with the vessel owner and insurance companies.
- There was an oil spill on Biddeford Pool requiring the Harbor Master to contact BFD, Ed Dexter, who dispatched an oil absorber boom. The Harbor Master monitored the spill for several days and ultimately removed the boom.
- The Harbor Master did a survey sounding of the Pool to identify potential new mooring locations.
- The Harbor Master met with John Henneidy and Graham Ganz to identify opportunities where existing moorings could be moved and where new moorings could be located for the purpose of increasing mooring space.
- Numerous calls about mooring applications were answered.
- The Harbor Master also became involved and resolved a property dispute at 133 Hill Beach Road regarding the placement of the property owner's float.

2. Marshal Alexander Recognition Plaque

As of this date, \$7,886.94 have been raised toward the cost of the plaque. Richardson Monument reported that the bronze plaque has been shipped but still waiting for the granite block. An additional \$1,771.06 needs to be raised to cover the Richardson cost.

3. Ordinances

Robin Peterson has Sec 74-35 scheduled for review at the next Policy Committee meeting on 08-07-23. If accepted and/or amended, it will be reviewed at the next Council meeting on 08-15-23. JSchafer will attend both meetings.

4. Contact List

Updated. Please see attached.....fourth theme's a charm.

5. May 13th Kayak Incident and the Harbor Commission Workshop, 07-13-23

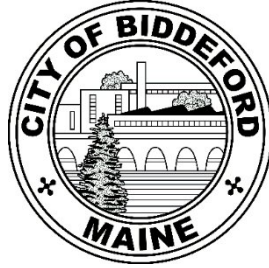
Great work by everyone at the Workshop. Special thanks to Rob Simmons who wrote a summary of the protocols that should be followed if an observer witnesses someone in distress. See Rob's notes attached.

Action:

- Emergency Response signage will be posted at all potential launch sites for kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards to instruct the observer how to respond/report the incident. JSchafer to draft the signage for review at our next meeting.
- Emergency Response Sites, ESP's, will be identified and numbered on charts by PLariviere and DChadbourne. These locations will be reviewed by all appropriate responders and maintained in an emergency response data base.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: August 16, 2023
Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse
Time: 6:30 PM



City of Biddeford

Harbor Commission Workshop

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023
Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse
Time: 6:30 PM

Purpose:

The purpose of this Workshop is to follow-up on the discussion from our previous 06-21-23 Commission meeting regarding the May 13th kayak incident. Discussion was “tabled” at that meeting, giving us the opportunity to do some research and explore ideas as to how the Harbor Commission should respond and advise the City regarding kayak safety.

Please be prepared to share ideas so that a plan can be developed and shared at our next regularly scheduled Harbor Commission meeting, Wednesday, July 19, 2023.