

City of Biddeford
Shellfish Conservation Committee
February 21, 2024 6:30 PM Biddeford Pool Fire Department
2nd Floor Conference Room

Status:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Adjustments to Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. Meeting Minutes 1-17-24
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- 4. Presentation**
 - 4.1. Harbor Master Summary
- 5. Old Business**
 - 5.1. Feedback from DMR Air Leach regarding the 2024 Shellfish Management Plan
 - 5.2. EMR Presentation to City Council
 - 5.3. Mooring Applications
 - 5.4. Harbor and Shellfish Budgets for 2025. Budget Workshop outcome.
 - 5.5. Wood Island Light Recovery
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjourn**

Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Location: Biddeford Pool firehouse

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees: Peter Bouthillier, Randy Desmarais, Bill Emhiser, Joe Emmons, John Hennessey, Paul Lariviere, Jim Lupian, Bill Mackeil, Sean Murphy, John Schafer

DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of Minutes

November 15, 2023, and December 20, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Harbor Master Summary

The purpose of this discussion is to provide Commission members with a summary of events that required the attention of our Harbor Masters during the period between scheduled Commission meetings. This summary is not all inclusive. Rather, it provides us with a sampling of issues our Harbor Masters deal with.

- **New Dock Permits** – (a) Final inspection of the Hitchcock seasonal dock. Approval granted with the provision that the ramp and float does not encroach the waterway more than 25% of the width of navigable water at low tide. (b) Scooby Joslin's dock proposal has also been approved and notification of approval was emailed to Lee Ann Neil @ Corps and Roby Fecteau @ Codes. (c) Meeting with Jim Bennet, City Manager, about upcoming meeting with UNE regarding their request for a dock located across from Camp Elis.
- **January Storm Damage** – Several physical inspections and numerous storm damage reports to Army Corps, Codes and Public Works. Several discussions of breakwater damage with Saco Harbor Master.
- **Mooring Requests** – (a) Eleven calls for mooring space in Biddeford's anchorage. All were told that there are no mooring spaces available at this time. (b) Discussions about mooring sites available for commercial lobsterman in the Pool. Skip Jerome's request to store a Novi lobster boat on anchor in the Pool for the winter was denied.
- **DMR and Shellfish** – Meetings with Peter Bouthillier and John Schafer about required reporting to DMR, deadline April 1st.

- **2023 Mooring Applications** -Wrapping up last year’s mooring applications with Gram Ganz. Gram’s inspection sheets with city tag numbers are required to complete and sign off the application records.

3. Shellfish Management Plan for Biddeford – 2024

The completed Shellfish Management Plan was sent to Ari Leach for DMR approval. Ari has been very supportive of our efforts to develop this plan and we look forward to her feedback.

4. Emergency Response Points – Robin Paerson will be contacted to get an ERP System overview scheduled on the agenda for some future City Council meeting.

5. Budget Workshop – A Harbor/Shellfish budget workshop has been scheduled.

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6. Mooring Applications

- Mooring applications have been mailed to all mooring owners with the new \$180 mooring fee requirement.
- There was some general discussion about a future on-line mooring application system that will require the boat owner to provide proof of insurance. A future workshop will be scheduled to develop the specifics of this on-line application process.

7. New business – The Wood Island Light House property got walloped during the back-to-back January storms. Sean Murphy brought aerial photos of the damage showing (1) how the boat house was moved from its foundation and (2) how erosion is now threatening the foundation of the Light itself.

Sean will keep the Commission updated monthly about the steps being taken to preserve this important landmark.

8. Next Meeting

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