



**City of Biddeford**  
**Shellfish Conservation Committee**

June 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM  
Biddeford Pool Fire Department  
Second Floor Conference Room

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustment(s) to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.a Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting Minutes 5-15-24
4. Old Business
  - 4.a Continued Discussion of Waterfront Access
5. Shellfish Action Items
  - 5.a Licenses
  - 5.b 2024 Shellfish Management Plan
  - 5.c Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Update
6. Harbor Master Summary
7. Mooring Application Workshop
8. Wood Island Recovery
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

## Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting – Minutes

Date: May 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse

Attendees: Peter Bouthillette, Andy Brady, Randy Desmarais, Joe Emmons, John Hennessey, Paul Lariviere, Jim Lupian, Bill Mackeil, Tom Mulligan, Kyle Noble, Roland Pelletier, John Schafer

### DISCUSSION:

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The April 17, 2024 Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **2. Discussion of waterfront access**

At the November 15, 2024 Harbor Commission Meeting, Randy Desmarais introduced the idea to develop Town Landing with a dock to accommodate resident and transient boaters. Since that time, there have been several discussions about developing boater access, not just at the Town Landing but also at Mechanics Park. Andy Brady is passionate about this opportunity to boost Biddeford's boating commerce. Andy wrote the following:

*"Biddeford has an opportunity to join other communities on the water and expand the waterfront. Biddeford currently does not have any way for boaters to access Biddeford via the river.*

*The area next to Mechanics Park is a great example of a location for the boating community to access downtown Biddeford. This could give people a safe and convenient place to come ashore to explore our shops and restaurants.*

*This could also provide a place for the harbor master to have a presence in the community like Saco has a designated harbor master shed at the Saco pier. Biddeford downtown river access at Mechanics Park, the river access at Rotary Park, and town landing on hills beach access should be held on the same regard as the beach and park access."*

To be continued.

#### **3. Shellfish Action Items:**

- Commercial licenses will go on sale June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2024 Shellfish Management Plan – no activity

#### **4. Harbor Master Summary**

- Red Can #2 has been returned to its proper location by the Coast Guard.
- A boater was stopped in the Gut and warned about excessive speed in a mooring field. Randy reports that the boater was very respectful during the conversation.
- A transient sailboat “picked up” a mooring in the inner harbor. Randy educated the owner that the mooring he was on was insufficient for the size of his vessel. He instructed the owner that he could anchor his vessel at a designated location in the outer harbor.

#### **5. Mooring Application Workshop**

In preparation for the Workshop, John Schafer passed out copies of the current mooring application form with the instruction to (1) review the form and recommend any changes and (2) share any thoughts regarding mooring application on-line functionality. It is necessary to get commission members’ thoughts prior to the workshop so that the workshop can be managed efficiently.

#### **6. Wood Island Recovery**

Kyle Noble is organizing a work party to return the damaged boathouse to its original location. Kyle will keep us posted as progress is made.

#### **7. New Business**

None.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

The third Wednesday of June is a federal holiday. Our next meeting will be scheduled for the fourth Wednesday in June.

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