

FB Shellfish Region-Municipal Joint Board
Meeting Minutes July 16, 2013 Trenton Town Office

Present: Chair Dick Fennelly, Lamoine; , Harold Page, Sorrento; Mike Hodgkins, Trenton, Gary Edwards, Sullivan; Mike Hall, warden; Hannah Annis, DMR; Conservation Committee members Paul Davis, Jim Norris.

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm.

Item 1. Minutes of the March 11, 2013 were reviewed. Harold motioned to accept second by Gary, all in favor.

Item 2. The conservation had asked the Board to look at two harvester issues.

 The ability for a licensed harvester to “buy” half of their conservation hours needed for license renewal. The board discussed the pros and cons of the question. When asked where the Conservation Committee stood it was reported that the request was coming from a small number of harvesters and that there had been no action taken at the committee level. It was pointed out that over 40 hours of conservation opportunities are scheduled annually. Gary motioned that the item be tabled until there was a formal request from the committee with a vote to recommend the change in policy, Mike seconded, all in favor.

 The committee asked that the money raised by the benefit clam dinner held at the Lobster Pot be used to purchase seed clams. After expressions of appreciation of the effort by the Langleys and harvesters several options were discussed. It was thought that it would be good to keep part of the funds in reserve and to move into the purchase of seed cautiously, looking for ways to maximize the survival rates of the seed. Gary motioned that \$1,000 be spent on seed and \$500 be used to buy necessary nets, seconded by Mike, all in favor.

Item 3. Dick expressed concern that we were not always meeting our deadlines for submittals to DMR, He offered to research the ordinance and work with Hannah assistance to develop a calendar “tickler list” of what needs to be done when to guide the conservation committee and Board with meeting deadlines.

Item 4. Possible changes to Recreational license fees and regulations. Several items were discussed that would need to voted on before the next license allocation report to DMR in order for implementation for next year.

 Raise recreational license to some greater level

 Eliminate the Senior Recreational license, in effect allowing seniors to dig recreationally for free.

 Not allow Recreational diggers to dig in conservation closures or at night

 Explore some areas set aside for Recreational diggers

Item 5. Dick reminded Ellsworth, Franklin and Sorrento that those communities need to vote on the latest round of updates to the Ordinance and Inter local Agreement. Harold indicated it would be on the Warrant for their town meeting in September.

Item 6. There was a discussion about changing the number of non-resident licenses. It was decided to wait for an official proposal from the conservation committee.

Item 7. Harold and Mike Hall reported on the condition of the warden’s truck. It would cost more to bring it up to inspection standards and needs to be replaced. Harold had checked with several dealers for new and used. The board agreed after looking at several alternatives that the vehicle that Alden Bunker has seemed to be the best deal. Dick motioned that Harold be authorized to spend up to \$10,500 plus any

related costs to purchase the truck under the City of Ellsworth purchasing policies. Second by Mike Hodgkins, all in favor. The balance in the reserve account will more than cover the purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

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Gary Edwards
Secretary pro temp