



# Shellfish Conservation Commission

MINUTES  
September 4, 2024

Committee Members:  
Michael Brown, Chairman  
Robert Maloney  
Ralph Oulton  
Peter Garsoe  
Peter DelBianco  
Paul Sokoloff  
Teri Maloney-Kelly

Town Staff:  
Mike Edes  
Charles Rumsey  
Kailey Hanley  
Harbormaster Matthew  
Merriman

**Members Present:** Chairman Michael Brown, Robert Maloney, Ralph Oulton, Teri Maloney-Kelly, Peter DelBianco, Paul Sokoloff, Peter Garsoe  
**Town Staff:** Chief Charles Rumsey, Kailey Hanley, Harbormaster Matthew Merriman  
**Absent:** Mike Edes

## I. Roll Call

Michael Brown called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

## II. Approval of the September 20, 2023, Minutes

**Motion:** To Approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023, Meeting, with the correction of spelling of Teri's name.

**Moved by:** Peter DelBianco

**Seconded by:** Teri Maloney

**Vote:** Unanimous

## III. 2025 Shellfish Allocations

Harbormaster Matt Merriman read off what was currently purchased in 2024 which was:

22 non-residents  
3 senior non-residents  
11 senior residents  
1 commercial non-residents  
38 residential

There was a discussion about why the remaining residential commercial license was not put out to non-resident once it was not sold, and Mike Brown said that it was explained that once a license is reverted it can not be changed back due to rules set by the State and DMR, and if we decide to make a provision in our ordinance they would have to approve it.

After some discussion Mike Brown recommended to keep the allocations as they were last year, and Peter DelBianco moved to not make any changes to the current license allocations

**Motion:** To keep the allocations as they currently are in year 2024

**Moved by:** Peter DelBianco

**Seconded by:** Teri Maloney

**Vote:** Unanimous

A brief discussion about the fee schedule took place, regarding if the members wanted to make any changes for the 2025 year.

**Motion:** To keep the fee structure as they currently are in year 2024

**Moved by:** Teri Maloney

**Seconded by:** Peter DelBianco

**Vote:** Unanimous

#### **IV. Old/New Business**

Mike Brown asked the group what their findings were this year, and thoughts about meeting with representatives from DMR regarding seeding, water quality, and more monitoring sometime in early October of this year, which the group agreed. Peter DelBianco asked why DMR shut down Broad Cove, which Mike explained that they do water monitoring tests for overall water quality, but that would be a good discussion to have with DMR when they meet with them.

There was a discussion about possible seeding due to low findings this year and what that would entail, which is something that they would discuss with DMR to see if they have a better understanding of what is causing this, as there are many possibilities, and what we would be looking at for expenses, and possible logistics if we took that route.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Moved by:** Robert Maloney

**Seconded by:** Peter DelBianco

**Vote:** Unanimous

Submitted by,

Kailey Hanley  
Recording Secretary