



# COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

Committee Members:  
David Witherill, Chairman  
Mike Schwindt, Vice Chairman  
David Carlson  
Hugh Judge  
Richard Thompson  
Ivy Frignoca  
Robert Johnson  
George Turner  
  
Town Staff:  
Tom Gruber  
Mark Siegrist  
Robert Vail  
Charles Rumsey  
Jean Duchesneau

**Present:** Chairman David Witherill, Mike Schwindt, Hugh Judge, Richard Thompson, and Robert Johnson  
**Absent:** David Carlson, Ivy Frignoca and George Turner  
**Town Staff:** Charles Rumsey, Chief of Police; Matthew Merriman, Harbormaster; Jean Duchesneau, Secretary  
**Guests:** Lisa Vickers, Consultant - Atlantic Environmental

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Witherill at 6:00 p.m. The meeting paused for the public hearing.

## **II. Public Hearing on 301 Foreside Road – Tarbox Wharfing-Out Permit**

Lisa Vickers of Atlantic Environmental was present to give a brief overview of the application and to answer questions from the committee. She noted during the presentation that there was an error on the application, namely the wharf size; and it could be corrected, if needed. The float size approved by DMR is 12' by 20' and NOT the 12' by 24' size as noted in the application. The committee reviewed all aspects of the application and it appeared to be in compliance with the town ordinances. The committee moved to approve the application.

**Motion:** Motion to accept the application as submitted without conditions.  
**Moved by:** Richard Thompson  
**Seconded by:** Robert Johnson  
**Vote:** Unanimous

No one from the public was in attendance. The public hearing ended at 6:10 p.m.

The Coastal Waters Commission resumed its meeting 6:13 p.m.

## **III. Adopt the December 14, 2021, Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the December 14, 2021, Minutes  
**Moved by:** Mike Schwindt  
**Seconded by:** Hugh Judge  
**Vote:** Unanimous

## **IV. Welcome George Turner to the Commission**

David Witherill announced that George Turner is the newest member to join the commission.

## **V. Maine Aquaculture Roadmap for 2022-2023**

David Witherill shared the Maine Legislature Bill LD 1844 (<https://legiscan.com/ME/bill/LD1844/2021>) with the commission.

This bill authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to:

- Designate certain research and aquaculture lease applications as subject to special fees based on the size, uniqueness or complexity of the application.
- It also authorizes the department to hold an emergency aquaculture lease for shellfish without having to also hold a lease issued under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072 or 6072-A.
- It also authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue a marine organism aquaculture license for more than one calendar year.

David Witherill will check with Ivy Frignoca for any additional information.

**VI. Old/New Business**

David Witherill asked the Harbormaster for an update on moorings. Harbormaster Merriman stated all is running smoothly. The mooring renewals and payments are coming in and there have been only a few unhappy people with the fee increases.

Chief Rumsey spoke briefly of a grant through the Coastal Conservancy for a new type of helical mooring anchor. Brunswick received a grant that will fund 5 mooring sites to install the new type of helical mooring anchors to help with eel grass growth. Chief Rumsey stated Ivy Frignoca was curious if this could help our mooring areas. Upon further research, it was determined that our mooring fields are outside the eel grass areas and while we could apply for the grant, we probably would not be approved.

Mike Schwindt stated that the Lands of Conservation Commission has a Sustainability sub-committee, and they are due to issue Phase II of their project. A part of this report deals with the coastal activities and the environment in Cumberland and Mike will email the link once the report has been finalized.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Jean Duchesneau, Recording Secretary