

Committee Members:

Michael Brown, Chairman

Charles Adams

Robert Maloney

 Ralph Oulton

Peter Garsoe

Peter DelBianco

Paul Sokoloff

Town Staff:

Tom Gruber

Charles Rumsey

Jean Duchesneau

Shellfish Conservation Commission

**MINUTES**

**September 8, 2021**

**6:00 PM – Council Chambers**

1. **Roll Call**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All commission members were in attendance except for Peter Garsoe, Peter DelBianco and Paul Sokoloff. A quorum was met at this meeting.

1. **Approval of the September 9, 2020 Minutes**

Chairman Brown ask if there were any questions or concerns regarding the September 9, 2020 Minutes. There being none, Charles Adams moved to have the Minutes approved.

**Motion:** Accept the September 9, 2020 Minutes

**Moved by:** Charles Adams

**Seconded by:** Robert Maloney

**Vote:** Unanimous

1. **2022 Shellfish Allocations**

In 2021, the following number of licenses were issued in the Town of Cumberland:

62 - Residential Recreational

25 - Non-Residential Recreational

 1 - Residential Commercial

 1 - Residential Non-Commercial

After a brief discussion, the commission decided to keep the 2022 license allocations and fees

the same as the 2021 year.

**Motion:** To leave the allocations and fees the same.

**Moved by:** Charles Adams

**Seconded by:** Robert Maloney

**Vote:** Unanimous

1. **Old Business/New Business**

Shellfish Survey –

There was a discussion about conducting a 2022 shellfish survey and it was agreed that in 2022 the participation should be voluntary with a letter going out to all licensed shellfish holders, outlining the commission’s survey plans in conjunction with DMR’s assistance, asking for volunteers to assist.

Seeding –

Two possible options available are:

* There is possible grant money available through MANOMET for a seeding project. Chief Rumsey will check on the status of this grant and update the committee.
* With the conservation fees collected, we could put in a request to DEI to purchase seed. We may have to consider increasing future conservations fees to cover the costs.

More discussion would be needed before a decision could be made regarding seeding.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Moved by**: Robert Maloney

**Seconded by:** Ralph Oulton

**Vote:** Unanimous

Submitted by,

Jean Duchesneau

Recording Secretary