

Town of West Bath
Marine Resources Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 29, 2023

Marine	Warren Swanson, Chair	Present
Resources	Jason Cray	Present
Committee:	Tim Davis	Absent
	Shawn Schutt	Present
	David Morin, Alternate	Absent
	Angela Bryant, Alternate	Present
Shellfish	Dep. Al Huntington	Absent
Warden:	Dep. Garrett Olson	Absent
Town Staff:	Karly Perry, Town Clerk	

Public: Ari Leach, Joe McCole, Jeff Moore, Nicole Moore, Mark Nelson, Alan Barrington, Daren Mitchell

A meeting of the Marine Resources Committee was held Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6pm.

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **6:00 pm**
- II. ATTENDANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – **Yes**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2023
Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Cray, moved to approve the October 25, 2023, minutes. The Committee unanimously approved.
- IV. BUSINESS ITEMS:
 1. **Upcoming Conservation Events**
Mr. Swanson announced that no additional conservation events are currently planned.
 2. **Other Business:**
Ms. Perry asked if the Board had any interest in changing the license allocation, to which the Board agreed no to amend at this time.
- V. DMR REPORT:
Ari Leach, a Marine Resource Scientist for DMR reviewed the need for an annual Shellfish Management Plan. Ms. Perry presented the Board with a draft plan which reflects the Marine Resources Conservation Ordinance. The plan is to limit the number of licenses, utilize seasonal closures, conduct reseeding, and conduct population surveys of flats. The Committee agree that the plan is acceptable.
- VI. WARDENS REPORT:
None
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Madelyn Hennessey announced that she attended the meeting of the Casco Bay Working Group, which discussed potential legislation that would incentivize landowners who allow harvesters to access the shoreline through their property by offering a tax break. She stated that she would keep the committee informed as to upcoming opportunities to testify on this bill.
- VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Swanson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cray. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

A true attested copy _____,
Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk