

# Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Municipal Joint Board

## Meeting Agenda

Friday 18 August 2017

**Location:** Lamoine Town Office

Present: Dick Fennelly, Gary Edwards, Dana Smith, Mike Hodgkins, Steve Beatham, Mike hall, Hannah Annis, Harold page.

**Time:** 7:00 PM

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1. Convene Meeting.
2. Consider prior meeting minutes for approval. Motion to accept by Dana, second by Mike, all in favor.
3. Discuss and consider proposal submitted by the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Committee to close the Gonk. After discussion and motion by Dana, second by Mike the Gonk to be open August 1 to September 1 annually. All in favor
4. Discuss the pending Taunton River oyster aquaculture lease application...Michael Briggs...sent to members by separate communication. Motion by Gary, second by Mike to support the application, all in favor.
5. Discuss the idea of longer rotating closures in each municipality with overlapping open periods to provide twelve months of areas for digging that are open for only two months and closed for ten months, per area. Dick presented the plan and there was agreement to work with the conservation committee to move the idea forward. No formal action
6. Report back on meeting with Harold Paige. It was reported that the meeting went well and was useful to keep lines of communication open.
7. Other business, if any.
  - A. Mike talked about the green crab program
  - B. There is a need to work with DMR & DEP to keep closure maps up to date and disseminated to the Town on the region.
  - C. Lamoine Beach closure to be opening soon.
8. Adjourn meeting. 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Edwards  
Secretary pro-temp