Town Lands Meeting
May 2, 2009

Present: Bob Waddle, Chris Coffin, Melinda Richter, Jane Smith
Absent: John Loyd, David Hackett

March minutes approved with correction: the parcel is 6' x 60' at Mackerel Cove between Joey Sharpe's building and the town lands parcel.
Co-chairmen Melinda and Jane approved
Secretary Jane approved
Chris suggests format for future meetings such as the first 3/4 of the meeting dedicated to ** THEN old business and new business. Kristi says we do not have to post agenda; committee suggestion that Melinda e mail members "hope to see you on ** meeting day and we might talk about **." John Loyd has our CD for the television studio. Letter from him circulated and Kristi to ask John what night he would like to meet. Melinda will e mail John and talk to Terri about overlapping with Harbor Waterfront. They are a board; we are a committee. Perhaps they have more authority than any committee. Former Chair Burr Taylor is not on Harbor Waterfront board anymore. Exploratory discussion that our missions can overlap but theirs is mostly water related and ours is more access related. They also have a problem getting a quorem.

Stewards: Chris Coffin will take Giant's Stairs and Mackerel Cove. Need to speak with the few stewards we have about individual books with forms to fill out at townhouse then eventually report to town about their condition and their needs. Chris spoke of not wanting to lose parking space at Mackerel Cove because Waldo Root wanted it so in a letter he drafted in 1986 that has been misplaced... David Chipman found it in the Mackerel Cove file and might have it; Chipper Black may know of its whereabouts since the HHLT plan has 4,000 square feet allocated by the Root family for parking... and in '85- '86 Bruce Davis, who was on the board, may have recollection about it also. Jane will ask around for the copy of the easement for parking at Mackerel Cove (Bob went to townhouse and gave Melinda some of these documents).
Giant's Stairs phase 3 can be done with spray paint on ledges. Recreation committee will be contacted by Bob. Signage needed at south end such as: shore path, no outlet, stay on ledges for phase 3. Chris searching for severed metal post on Ocean Street that could puncture a tire. Bob Venard has said that the rocks on the eroded bank is being worked on but Chris disagrees. Washington Street is a two rod road. To help with parking, portions could be cleared.

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Tide Mills maintenance (plowing in particular) is important since after 20 years of neglect and improper use then disputes arise and it can be taken away. Paper roads lost when Bob was selectmen. 2007 colored chart of the condition of town roads discussed as to the categories of poor, fair, good.

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Chris suggested the town advertising in a newspaper that he subscribes to that would draw national attention to the nine acre marine-related zone at Mitchell Field. The Professional Mariner

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