

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
January 6, 2015

Attending:

Members: Present: Burr Taylor – Chair, Bill Saxton, Jack Dostie
Absent: Richard Moseley
Guest: Kevin Johnson, Selectman of Harpswell
Harbormaster: Jim Hays

Activities:

- o Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm (delayed due to traffic accident on Cundy's Harbor Road)
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed

Harbormaster Report:

- o Jim Hays presented a draft of possible harbor ordinance language changes and there was an extended discussion about the implications of each proposed alteration.
 - The Committee decided on minor language modifications for clarification purposes.
 - Article 5.1.1 addresses the deadline for mooring registrations. The Committee felt that it was appropriate to remove the ambiguity and openness of May 1. It was felt that language should be added clarifying the fact that moorings shall be considered overdue on May 1 and subject to the approved penalty.
 - Article 5.4 *Removal of Abandoned Vessels* was reviewed and the time period of 30 days was felt to be too long. The Committee decided that changing the time allowed for the harbormaster's action on abandoned vessels from 30 days to 15 days was justified. In order to be consistent throughout the ordinance, the Committee also felt it was appropriate to change the actionable time on Article 5.3 *Removal of Abandoned Moorings* from 30 days to 15 days.
 - Article 6.1 *Committee Make-up* was determined to be too restrictive. The Committee decided to remove the limit of "seven" members of the committee in favor of "a certain number" of members as determined by the Select Board.
- o There was a discussion about the present mooring application form. It was felt that possible alterations to the existing form may be needed to address instances where an applicant changes to a larger boat. The Committee felt it may be necessary for the harbormaster to address the appropriateness of the applicant current mooring in regards to the new larger boat. Bill Saxton pointed out that the renewal of each mooring application should include language asking the applicant for updated information and changes.
- o Burr Taylor inquired about the waiting lists for the individual harbors and whether or not they needed updating. The Harbormaster point out that due to low turnover the process should remain as is. On the rare occasion of a mooring location becoming available – running through the existing waiting lists may be a little awkward but still works.
- o Jim Hays requested that the Committee review the issues of reorganizing the Towns major harbors during the upcoming year and prepare for Town-wide forum in 2016.

Other Committees:

Marine Resources

- o There was no report

Conservation Commission

- o There was no report

Mitchell Field

- o There was no report

Old Business:

Aquaculture:

- o There was no report

New Business:

- o There was no report

Next Meeting:

February 3, 2015 Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie