

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
February 3, 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 5:38 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed

Harbormaster Report:

- o Jim Hays reported that the Committee's proposed ordinance changes have been reviewed and approved by the Town attorney.
- o There was a discussion about holding a town forum on how to improve the current mooring assignments in the Town harbors. It was decided that the Committee would study the current situation in the Mackerel Cove, Cundy's Harbor and Potts Harbor to establish a planning basis. Jim Hays will try to print charts from the GPS data he has collected that will display each mooring and boat size. Jim Hays will contact Noel Musson, Musson and Associates, to see if there are grant funds available to help with the planning process. The Committee decided that a 2016 schedule would allow time to prepare the background information and possible harbor reorganization plans.
- o There was a continuation of the 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 an applicant's 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 suggested that all registered moorings that are not being used or not in the water be deleted from the records in order to open areas up and reduce the current waiting list. Jim Hays said that he will create a list of registered moorings not deployed.
- o Burr Taylor suggested that a letter be sent to all mooring owners in "closed" harbors requesting that they update the information about their boat and mooring.

Other Committees:

Marine Resources

- o It was reported that the MR Committee will have an ordinance related to shellfish aquaculture for review at the Town meeting.

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:

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

Adjourned – 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie