

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
March 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 5:35 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed

Harbormaster Report:

- o Jim Hays reported that he will be attending the Maine Harbormasters Association's annual seminar at the end of the month. This three-day event provides opportunities for networking with community harbormasters as well as professional development. He will be looking for funding sources to help develop plans for better mooring management within the primary Harpswell harbors.
- o Jim Hays presented printed charts showing mooring locations for Cundy's Harbor and Pott's Harbor. The intent was to justify the moorings located in the harbors with the number of moorings registered in order to determine the actual number of active moorings. This may open areas that are current considered full but may have registered moorings that are not actually in the water. There was an extended discussion about the current moorings and their suitability for their locations and what improvements might be considered. It was pointed out that one of the key restrictions to mooring expansion is the lack of land-side parking for vehicles. Bill Saxton commented that future demands for water access from the non-fishing public are likely to increase the pressure and difficulty of maintaining a working waterfront. The general feeling was that it is important to establish a better system of mooring management. A complete review from the applications to the installations is warranted.
- o Bill Saxton suggested that all mooring permit holder be notified that, if they hold a current mooring permit, their gear must be in the water and used, otherwise their preferred mooring location may be assigned to someone else.

Other Committees:

Marine Resources

- o There was no report

Conservation Commission

- o Burr Taylor reported that Committee is reviewing the consequences of sea level rise and the impact on current land uses. He reported that the Town has GIS maps showing the results of future sea rise.

Mitchell Field

- o There was no report

Old Business:

Aquaculture:

- o There was no report

New Business:

- o There was no report

Next Meeting:

April 7, 2015 Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 6:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie