

Harbor and Waterfront Committee Mission Statement

The mission of Harbor and Waterfront Committee, which is established by Town ordinance, is to review and monitor marine activities within the Town of Harpswell. Specifically, the Committee shall recommend ordinances and management plans that help maintain safe and adequate access to the waterfront that balance the competing demands within the Town's harbors and advise the Selectboard on ways to improve the management of the Town's harbors and waterfront. In addition, the Committee shall act as an advisory Board to the Board of Selectmen on all matters pertaining to harbors, anchorages, as well as on existing and propose plans for future waterfront uses.

The Committee shall advise and monitor the activities of the Harbormaster and the management of Town Landings, harbors, anchorages and their facilities. The Committee, when requested by the Selectboard, shall serve as an appeals panel on matters pertaining to harbors, anchorages and the waterfront.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen May 31, 2007 and July 12, 2012 and June 27, 2013

Proposed goals for HWC for 2013-14 (from the Management Plan)

- During the past year aquaculture has proven to have the potential to be a good industry for Harpswell. The plans to work to make this a reality.
- As per the SLZC's request, the HWC plans to identify all major fishing docks within Harpswell.
- The HWC plans to improve the data collected for the harbormaster's mooring inventory (such as boat size, boat type, commercial or rental).
- The strategies for maximizing use of mooring space, particularly in Category 4 harbors.
- Cooperate with the Town Lands Committee on access to the water.
- Review HW Ordinance

Proposed secondary goals for HWC for 2013-14

- Support a Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating class in Harpswell
- Write an article for the April 1st edition of the Anchor

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