

**Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 15, 2016**

Opened Meeting: 1: 42 PM.

Attendance: Mary Ann Nahf, Deirdre Strachan, Ann Nemrow, Wendy Batson, Burr Taylor and Paul Ciesielski. Absent: Sue Vachon, Anne Perry.

Approval of 6/01 Minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Announcements:

M. Eyerman, Consultant Planner, is available to the Town 12 - 15 hours per week for the next year.

Four Community Coalition

M. Nahf was approached by Arrowsic Conservation Commission chair to see if Harpswell will join forces with the 4 communities who share similar interests/concerns, thus providing a broader regional presence. These 4 communities recently published their own conservation brochures, using a format similar to Harpswell's. There was general interest shown, with the proviso that an agenda with focus of interest be drawn up prior to a meeting.

Updates:

Resilience Planning for Changing Weather:

- Homeowners on the climate affected private roads received their invitation to attend the first SLR workshop June 8 (# approx. 270.)
- It was thought that, due to limited seating, posters would only be displayed in Harpswell, though interest beyond the Town was expressed.
- Large maps of the affected areas will be printed for the workshop with high resolution.
- M. Nahf conferred ahead of time with Troy Barry, District Engineer and Geomorphologist and Jamie Fitch, Outreach Coordinator, on the nuts and bolts of increasing culverts, impacts of storm surges and necessity for planning ahead. She also conferred with Matt Craig of Casco Bay Estuary Project on Marsh Migration and Stream Crossings, so that each presentation complemented the other.

Power Point Presentation for 6/21 Workshop:

- Broad discussion ensued on the introduction content, its length and degree of detail required for background information.
- P. Ciesielski offered to provide two graph slides for the Powerpoint presentation indicating the scientific explanation of recorded SLR data amassed over the last 100 years, and accompanied with a brief explanation. In essence tides are rising faster and storm surges happen more frequently. Note: A two-foot rise in sea level is expected in 30 years to affect 10 public roads and a three-foot rise in 40 years will affect 17 public roads in Harpswell.

- Time frame for ending review and feedback from all is scheduled for Friday 17th.
- The subcommittee on SLR will work with M. Nahf regarding the final product.
- B. Taylor suggested the Selectmen should hire a road engineer to rate the costs of culvert installation to remediate the road problems, citing a sample study by way of guidance for individual road associations. Tondreau Rd. Assoc. is interested in knowing the remedial costs entailed in culvert installation. M. Nahf noted that the Town has a Capital Roads project this summer on Lookout Point Road. Rising sea level was not considered as part of the engineering plan.
- An invitation to attend the Workshop was sent to Road Commissioner Ron Ponziani and the Town Selectmen.
- M. Nahf is working with Terri Sawyer on ironing out the kinks on the HCC website.

Waiver Form for Pesticide Applicators:

Both the application form for a pesticide waiver and an inventory of details of each application has been revised and sent to CC members. They outline the recommendations presented by and agreed with M. Eyerman and the SLR subcommittee. A data base for tracking waiver requests will be compiled for record keeping purposes by S. Vachon.

Commercial Wharf Expansion:

The Planning Board will meet will meet tonight (6/16) regarding a proposed expansion of the Moody wharf. It may be tabled pending clarification regarding property ownership.

Adjourned: 3:17 PM.

Meetings: 7/6 and 7/20 at 3:00 PM.

Scribe: Ann Nemrow