

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
May 5,, 2015

Attending:

Members: Present: Burr Taylor – Chair, Bill Saxton, Jon Rogers, Jane Jukes, Jack Dostie
Absent: Richard Moseley

Guest: Kevin Johnson, Selectman of Harpswell

Harbormaster: Jim Hays

Activities:

- o Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Harbormaster Report:

- o Jim Hays presented the Committee with a report detailing the mooring statistics in six major anchorages. It is evident by the data that there is an extremely casual adherence to the requirements for moorings.
 - Mackerel Cove – 135 registered moorings with 23% unused and of the used 45% are unidentified
 - Garrison Cove – 36 registered moorings with 30% unused and of the used 44% are unidentified
 - Cundy’s Harbor – 104 registered moorings with 21% unused and of the used 16% are unidentified
 - Ash Cove – 44 registered moorings with 9% unused and of the used 40% are unidentified
 - Basin Cove – 68 registered moorings with 37% unused and of the used 16% are unidentified
 - Pott’s Point - 81 registered moorings with 26% unused and of the used 18% are unidentified
- o Jim Hays is posting lists of mooring holders at community locations in each anchorage in order to increase public awareness of the issue of long waiting lists. Given that a significant percentage of registered moorings are unused (not in the water), the Committee felt that any effort to reduce the number of moorings registered but not used would be a step forward in reducing the length of the waiting lists. Jim mentioned that State law calls for mooring registrants to actually own a boat and if not, cannot reserve the mooring location or prevent others (with boats) from claiming the same location.
- o Jim Hays reported that there are three new aquaculture leases in Harpswell
 - Jon Rodgers – Harpswell Sound
 - Lincoln Smith – Long Reach
 - Timothy Johnson – Middle Bay
- o Jim Hays is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to notify float owners about the need to register their floats. There was a brief discussion about the potential need for a size limits and other restrictions regarding floats. It was not determined what, if any, restrictions should be placed on floats.
- o Jim Hays reported that the preferred means of mooring identification is to have the registration clearly marked in large numbers on the mooring float and to have the annual mooring tag issued by the Town displayed on the boat.

New Business:

Committee Focus:

- o Burr Taylor asked the Committee to consider where the Committee want to focus its attention for the up-coming year and to be ready to present ideas at the next meeting.

Committee Size:

- o Jane Jukes was welcomed as a new member to the H&W Committee. Jim Hayes will see to it that Jane receives a copy of the H&W Ordinance as well as the Harbor Management Plan.
- o Jack Dostie made a motion to set the size of the H&W Committee to five. The motion was accepted.

Next Meeting:

June 2, 2015 Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie