

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
November 4, 2014

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:

Jim Hays presented the Committee with a comprehensive report titled *Harbormaster Report May through September 2014*. The report is an extensive overview of the activities and actions throughout the past summer months. There was a general conversation with clarification questions and expanded discussion on several of the key issues in the report.

Some of the major issues requiring the Harbormaster's attention are;

- o The mooring inventory – there are over 2600 registered moorings and only 1954 are actually in the water
- o Disagreements between abutters regarding mooring locations
- o Locating and placing moorings, particularly in a crowded harbor

There was a brief discussion on the process of defining how moorings were identified and the difficulty involved in making a determination of an unmarked mooring. It was reported that the commercial harbors are the hardest to identify.

There was an extended discussion on the current language in *Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance* regarding abandoned and unregistered moorings and vessels. The Committee is working to amend language in the ordinance to more closely reflect conditions and situations that are relevant to Harpswell. The Committee has agreed to meet in two weeks to review the ordinance as well as language from the applicable State statute and similar ordinances from other coastal towns.

Other Committees:

Marine Resources

- o There was no report

Conservation Commission

- o There was no report

Mitchell Field

- o There was no report

Old Business:

Aquaculture:

- o There was no report

Next Meeting:

November 18, 2014, Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Dostie