

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
November 10, 2015

Attending:

Members: Present: Burr Taylor – Chair, Bill Saxton, Jane Jukes and Jack Dostie
Absent: Jon Rogers
Harbormaster: Jim Hays

Activities:

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

Harbormaster Report:

- Jim Hays reported that James Crossman will be returning to the Board of Selectman seeking permission to retain his current mooring location. He will be proposing a new Point of Access.
- There was a brief discussion regarding abandoned floats and that they are not the Town's responsibility if they are located on private property.
- The discussion surrounding the use of moored floats as substitute boat moorings continued. There seems to be an ongoing issue in the Brick Yard Cove area that may grow out of control. The Committee feels that *Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance* should be amended to prevent boat owners from using a moored float as a permanent mooring location unless that moored float has been designated and approved for that particular purpose.
- Bill Saxton suggested that each mooring permit renewals include the same questionnaire as a new application – thereby maintaining up-to-date information on all moorings and their current usage. Jim Hays will review/revise the current mooring application with the Committee at the next meeting.
- There was a brief discussion about one oversize skiff using the Town dock. Jim is investigating.
- Jim Hays reported that the 33' sailboat that was abandoned in Mackerel Cove has been removed.

Other Committees:

Marine Resources

- Jane Jukes reported that the crab traps on the east shore of Mackerel Cove were very productive. There was a brief follow-up discussion on the green crab population.

Conservation Commission

- There was no report

Mitchell Field

- There was no report

Old Business:

Point of Access (POA)

- The Committee discussed the definition of a Point of Access (POA) and will propose an Ordinance change to; "The upland area in Harpswell which is being used to access a mooring."

Next Meeting:

December 8, 2015 Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 6:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Dostie