

Town of Harpswell
Recreation Committee Meeting
May 2, 2016

Attendees: Sue Rich, Don Miskill, Tony Barrett, Ray Sohl, Monique Coombs and David Brooks.

Also present: Gina Perow.

A quorum was present when the meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The April 18, 2016 minutes were approved with corrections [6-0-0].

Old Business:

- **Action item: Cliff Trail – Replace broken and rotted bridge boards, build additional bog bridges at Henry’s Creek, reflective paint for the blazes, and blaze the cutoff trail reroute.**
- **Action item: Erect roadside sign for the Giant Stairs, and repaint the GS bike rack.**
- **Action item: Make laminated “You are here” maps for the Devil’s Back and Cliff Trails.**
- **Action item: Develop an Other Power Driven Mobility Devices [OPDMD] Policy for town trails.**
- **Action item: Permanent maps at trailheads or map cards and QR codes.**
- **Action item: DOGPOT station at Mackerel Cove.**
- **Kiosks at Mitchell Field and Town Office.**

New Business:

- **Summer Programs Update:**
 - **Summer Swim** – Have 200+ registrations and good staff response. New experienced instructor who will join us. Should be all set.
 - **Camp Harpswell** – Two openings in week one, Six in week two. Have sufficient staff.
 - **Kayaking** - Filling slowly but should be okay.
 - **Sailing** – Only some August slots left.
 - **Baseball/Softball/T-Ball** – Underway, T-Ball starts shortly with 26 children.
- **Employee Request** – Based on current work hours, Gina is asking for a 10-hour assistant in 2017.
- **Harpswell Hiking Challenge:**
 - June 4th & 5th.
 - Monique will work on sponsors. Gina will order 80 adult and 20 kids t-shirts.
 - Don will do a press release then distribute.
 - Registration form and web site update.
 - Get an updated restaurant list for handout.
 - Don will send email to Julia McLeod for trail box and info booth assistants.
 - We will do stickers with an appropriate animal for the trail.
 - The trail box assignments and stickers are:

Giant Stairs	Sue Rich	Bufflehead
Devil’s Back – East	Don Miskill	Seal
Houghton-Graves	Sue Rich	Clam
Cliff Trail	Dave Brooks	Osprey
Skolfield Preserve	Tony Barrett	Horseshoe Crab
Widgeon Cove	HHLT	Heron
Mitchell Field	Don Miskill	Fox
Curtis Farm Preserve.	HHLT	Bluebird

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• **Harpswell Hiking Challenge (Con't):**

- Information Booth Manning Schedule (One person from each for Saturday & Sunday):

10:00 AM – 12 Noon	Rec	HHLT
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM	Rec	HHLT
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Rec	HHLT

• **Trufant-Summerton Field Capital Improvements Update:**

- New scoreboards are on order. They were on sale so pricing is better than expected.
- Main Line Fence will be there in June to repair and replace sections.
- The new bleachers are here and need to be assembled..
- Don has looked at the trees. Made some changes to give us more parking.
- Kudos to the Brady children who came and did the garbage cleanup in the woods.
- Chuck will help with the post placement for the new Batting Cage.
- Still need to clear around the garage and clean up the storage room in the garage.
- Don & Dave will move two benches to Cliff Trail for bridge replacement over the deep gully.

• **Harpswell Guide New Edition** – Gina is working with Dee Miskill to make the maps more readable. They were color converted to gray scale but are still dark, need more contrast. Julia McLeod has passed along the new Stover Cove rules. We are checking to see if HHLT is redoing the Skolfield Trail map after they removed the big bridge and rerouted the trail around the ravine. Gina will see if we can GPS the new Devil's Back Trail and get it in the same format as the other maps. HHLT had an intern do all those maps so we need their assistance to make it happen.

• **Trail Assessment Work Schedules** – We will send out some date messages so folks can look at their schedules and respond.

• **Devil's Back East Trail** – Loop trail is ~85 percent complete. Still need to:

- Complete the loop trail rough-cut, then clean cut the entire loop.
- Have to decide on entrance trails from the parking lot, one or two.
- Will need some side-hill work done too.
- Need to flag and cut in two cutoff trails.
- Identify trail names and submit signs request.
- Blaze the trails.
- GPS the new trail for the Harpswell Guide Update.
- Install the trail signs.

• **Harpswell Tailgate and Recreate at Mitchell Field:**

- July 16, 2016, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Bean Supper. Rain date would be the next day, Sunday.
- Need to advertise the event.
- Pick 4-5 local vendors.
- Check on Harpswell Community Television and Radio broadcast.
- Scavenger hunt and family focused activities.
- Music, Fred Cantu & band and Charles Bernier.
- Check with Tom Allen to write an article for us.
- How do we incorporate artists in the event, not a sales focus but hands-on for the attendees.

• **Mitchell Field Update:**

- Forest Inventory Growth (FIG) Project by HCA will use Mitchell Field for one site.
- Excellent Run by the Bay on April 30th.
- HHLT can camp overnight and can have a fire at the shore below the high tide line.
- Bids are in for pump house removal, wide disparity in prices so they are verifying the low bid.
- The Water Tower Task Force is moving forward.
- Met last week for invasive plants mitigation plan for this summer.

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- **Email about Devil's Back History** – Gina received an email from someone who was concerned about no recognition for ancestors who may have donated the land for Devil's Back. Gina will check with Town Lands Committee to verify the information before taking any further actions.
- **Working Group meeting** – Prep for Harpswell Hiking Challenge and Harpswell Tailgate & Recreate events. We'll meet at 10:00 AM on May 9th at the Town Office.
- **September Meeting Date Change** – First Monday is Labor Day, will move it to Sept 12th.
- **Action items Review** – No changes.

Handouts:

- Reed Coles email of Monday, May 02, 2016 12:01 PM concerning Devil's Back History.

Next Meeting:

- Recreation Event Planning Work Shop on May 9th, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Town Office.
- NOTE – The Recreation Committee does not meet in the summer months.
- **Harpswell Hiking Challenge** on June 4th & 5th, information booth at the Town Office.
- **Harpswell Tailgate & Recreate at Mitchell Field** on July 16th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Recreation Committee meeting on September 12th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office
- Recreation Committee meeting on October 3rd, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

The Recreation Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill, Secretary