

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
May 10, 2017

Attending:

Members: *Present:* Burr Taylor – Chair, Alison Hawkes, Bill Saxton, Mose Price and Jack Dostie
Absent: Peter Darling, Philip Conner

Harbormaster: Absent

Activities:

- o Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted

Harbormaster Report:

- o There was no report.

Old Business:

Mooring Issues

- o In an effort to streamline the Mooring Application and make it more reflective of the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance as well as common practices, the Committee reviewed the proposed table to bring clarity to the Application.

PLEASE CHECK **ONE** CATEGORY IN EACH COLUMN

APPLICANT	USE	TYPE
Shorefront Owner	Recreational	Personal
Resident Commercial Fisherman	Commercial Fishing	Float
Resident Marine Related Business	Commercial Other	Rental
Resident Recreational		Service
Nor-Resident Commercial Fisherman		
Non-Resident Marine Related Business		
Non-Resident Recreational		

Describe "Commercial Other" here _____

- o Bill Saxton proposed a motion to accept the chart and incorporate it into a new Application. The motion was tabled pending further discussion with absent Committee members.
- o Mooring fees were discussed and the proposed table was determined

FEE SCHEDULE

TYPE	TAXPAYER	NON-RESIDENT
Personal	25.00	125.00
Float	50.00	250.00
Rental	100.00	N/A
Service	50.00	250.00

N/A = Not Allowed

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- Burr Taylor will research Title 38, Chapter 1, OPERATION OF VESSELS and bring a copy of the statute to the next meeting.
- The Committee has proposed the following definition of a “personal” mooring. *A mooring, Commercial or Residential, for the sole use of the vessel for which it is registered.*
- The proposed definition of “service” mooring was modified as follows; *Any mooring owned by a ~~Marine Related Business~~ Commercial entity used in the daily operation of that business that is not intended for rental purposes.*
- Rental moorings were defined as; *Moorings that are rented either nightly or seasonally.* The Committee is still trying to determine if moorings owner by a Marine Related Business such as a co-op or fish dealer should be considered “service” or “rental”. There will be more discussions in order to clarify and assign a category to this type of business.

Marine Related Business

- The Committee determined that the definition of Marine Related Business is somewhat vague and open to misinterpretation. The Committee will discuss the proposed definition modification; *A business establishment that must have direct access to navigable water in order to function, such as marinas, water-borne transportation facilities, and finfish and shellfish processing facilities, but excluding use by commercial fishing vessel owners for their personal use.*

New Business:

- How to handle the waiting lists.
- Parking requirements
- Moorings and permits outside of special anchorages

Adjourned – 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Dostie

Next Meeting:

June 14, 2017 - Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Harpswell Town Office