

Town Lands Committee  
Town of Harpswell, Maine  
Minutes of April 15, 2024  
Approved May 20, 2024

Present: Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, Jane Smith, Tom Carr, Ned Perry, Beth Eisman  
Absent: Michel Mozzoni, David Hackett, Geoff Feiss  
Guests: Linda Whitehall, Michael Dana, Janet Dana, Chris Coffin, Jane Covey-Select Board contact

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes: March 2024 minutes approved with minor correction. The Clark Cove meeting was not a Select Board meeting and the approved minutes reflect that. Also, correct spelling of Don Miskill's last name.

**Public Comment:**

- Michael Dana from Potts Point spoke about the importance of the Town dock at Potts Point. Was wondering about the status. Suggested that the Town look for additional recreational and commercial docks. Asked if there is an effort to acquire property for a dock and access.
- Hope mentioned there was a house on Stover's Cove but the Select Board, at the time, did not approve the purchase.
- Ned mentioned how the Committee worked on the parking at Potts Point which all agreed improved the parking, but is still a problem at the dock. The new parking area suffered some erosion from the storms. The road by the dock has some erosion issues also.
- Discussion about Wood Point.
- Alternatives for this summer are being considered.
- Discussion of a second landing at Potts Point. There is some damage to the pavement. Paul Plummer is working with the residents to possibly repair the ramp.
  
- Chris Coffin brought up the Giant Stairs and the poison ivy. He is especially concerned about the erosion at the end of Ocean Street and feels the next major storm could take out the end of the road.

**Update from last meeting:**

Tom reported on the work on Sunday at Devil's Back. Crew worked for 5 hours doing bog bridging, trimming, and adding rocks to improve the trail at Devil's Back East.

**New Business:**

- Wood Landing: The lease was discussed. Hope is tasked with finding out the status of the lease and also mentioning the status of the lease to Kristi.

- Barley Field Point on Orr's Island: Some of the owners with smaller ownership are interested in having it used as public access. One of the major owners is trying to gain full ownership. Right now the issue is in the courts.
- Work day: May 19 at Tide Mill. Fixing the parking area. Will involve shoveling gravel.

**Ongoing Old Business:**

- Toilet at Mackerel Cove boat house is being discussed with the Land Trust. Ken is going to email Emma about the toilet to restart the discussion.

6:20 PM adjourned

Beth Eisman, secretary pro tem