

Town Lands Committee
Town of Harpswell, Maine
Minutes of May 20, 2024
Approved June 17, 2024

Present: Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, Jane Smith, Tom Carr, David Hackett, Ned Perry

Absent: Beth Eisman, Michael Mozzoni, Geoff Feiss

Guests: Jane Covey-Select Board contact

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: April 2024 minutes approved with addition of Beth Eisman as secretary pro tem.

Updates:

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:

- Storm damage: Paul Plummer has met with FEMA and has inspected Potts Point landing, Graveyard Point Landing, Giant Stairs.
- Cliff Trail has several washouts. Tom will ask Crooker about rough estimates within two days
- Barley Field Point at Orrs Island. Case has settled. Proponents/owners may seek nonprofit entity ownership.
- Ken, Tom and Hope met with Emma Balazs, new staff member at Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to discuss toilet situation at Johnson Field/Mackerel Cove. It appears that land trust is close to a resolution for a potable toilet on site.

Ongoing Old Business:

- Steward reports: tabled in absence of Geoff.
- Tide Mill workday, yesterday. A lot of cleanout and redistribution of gravel; signs and boarder rocks were resettled. Browntail moth nests were removed. Thanks to Tom Carr and Ned Perry for this work.
- Other areas noticed for work: tabled pending receipt of FEMA report. Some areas may proceed without this report.
- Potts Point: some of the property owner children might be interested in arrangements about use of their narrow lots. Ken will forward past correspondence to those family members.
- Gift Policy. Draft was distributed and will be reviewed at June meeting.
- Wood Landing: David Hackett presented a history of Wood Landing, including old photos of the area and some history of The Phantom, an early 1900s ferry that used this

landing. The former Harpswell Steamship Company had a lease of the area with David Moody's grandfather. Moody's 25 year lease expires next year.

- Devil's Back signs: Ken met with some of the owners of the land that has been posted against trespassers. They were unaware of the posted signs which are located on Town lands. Signs that indicate land are private will be reposted on owner land.
- Hiking Challenge the weekend of June 15th.
- Mackerel Cove trashbins. These were informally installed and will no longer be maintained by town staff. The opinion of the committee is that no bins will be maintained there anymore. The site will be a carry in-carry out site.
- June meeting: Graveyard Point

6:20 PM adjourned

H Hilton, secretary pro tem