

Town Lands Committee
Town of Harpswell, Maine
Minutes of June 17, 2024

Present: Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, Jane Smith, David Hackett, Geoff Feiss,
Absent: Beth Eisman, Michael Mozzoni, Tom Carr, Ned Perry
Guests: Jane Covey-Select Board contact, Paul Plummer-Town staff
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: May 2024 minutes approved

Updates:

- Repairs: Paul reported that Little Island Causeway is done; Graveyard Point is the next job on the list; Ocean Street the underside of the road at the end has washed out and will need extensive work.
Potts Point dock was reviewed last Friday by FEMA and Town staff. There is a good chance that they may match Town fund. Insurance claim of \$96,000 is being reviewed and negotiated with the insurance company
- Toilet at Mackerel Cove: has been approved by the Land Trust and will be installed behind the building. Possible fence screening was discussed
- Resiliency Committee: Applying for construction grants for Lookout Point. Currently, a review of figures previously done is ongoing. MDOT says that the project qualifies for funding. The proposal would be to raise the roadbed, replace the ramp. Existing study will be updated. Ken will forward those plans to committee members.
- Bichrest Wharf Lease: Select Board has been working on terms with the family. This was the 25 year lease approved at Town Meeting earlier this month. The draft will be reviewed at the Select Board meeting tomorrow night. Provisions concerning parking are under discussion.

Ongoing Old Business:

- Stewardship Reports: None at this time.
- Gift Policy draft: the last draft was reviewed generally and will continue. Several suggestions were made, including the following:
One: Establish a process for offering a gift for town lands be spelled out, such as 1) Application sent to Kristi; 2) Kristi forwards to Codes to confirm that it does not conflict with town ordinances and state laws; 3) Notice of the application then is sent to the Select Board; 4) Notice is placed on the agenda for the next meeting; 5) Board refers application to appropriate town committees; 6) Town committee adds the application to its draft agenda and discusses it to determine appropriate steps for due diligence,

including scheduling a site visit; 7) Committee report forwarded back to Select Board for decision.

Two: Should a schematic chart be included in any final process established by the Select Board that outlines the gifting process as an aid to applicants and staff. Geoff will do a first draft for next meeting. Hope will work on next policy draft.

Three: The committee also discussed whether a suggestion to the Select Board to track the amount of time staff spends on a proposal for a year would be in order.

- Poison Ivy: The trail is in need of trimming yet again. A note will be sent to the entity handling this project.

New Business:

- Signage at Giant Stairs: Ken will work on a new sign to alert users to the new toilet facility at Mackerel Cove. He will review it with the Land Trust.
- Toilet: see above
- Workday: June 23rd??? at Graveyard Point.
- Next regular meeting: July 15 at Holbrooks. Carpooling from Jane Covey's house due to limited parking.

Adjourned 6:20 PM

H Hilton, secretary pro tem