

**Town of Harpswell
Town Lands Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Town Office Parking Lot
July 11, 2022**

Present : Ken Oehmig and Hope Hilton, co-Chairs, Jane Smith, Tom Carr, Committee
Selectperson Jane Covey

Absent: Harbormaster Paul Plummer, David Hackett, Associate Ned Perry

June minutes accepted without changes.

Updates:

1. CRITF: Committee met yesterday. Still working on possible grant to assess improvements to Garrison Cove Landing. Study presented to Committee lacked coverage on potential sea level rise. It will be revised and represented to the Committee at the next meeting
2. Giant Stairs maintenance: no new reports. Gravel donated by HHLT to be used on this site
3. HIPP work day at Tide Mill: volunteers removed some Canadian thistle heads. Site was in good shape and didn't need much more work
4. Toilets: Jane Covey sent a note to the Bethel Point neighbor who had expressed concerns. Paul Plummer and others had cleaned up the road surface and repainted some of the lines. No new reports on Bailey Island efforts

Old Business:

1. Town Common lands easement questions from last month's meeting: no new information at this time. It was noted that the road entrance currently used has expanded with use and needs to be contained to the granted easement area to protect the Town Lands.
2. Orrs Island Wharf leases: there are currently 6 leases, not all of which are in use. After general discussion, the Committee recommended that existing annual leases remain unless they are abandoned or terminated per the terms of the lease. It was suggested that for abandoned leases, the Town retain those lease sites to be used for Town purposes. Either for the Town Harbormaster or other commercial purposes until such time as new commercial fisheries pier sites are developed.
The Committee suggested that the Town place more effort and funds into acquiring and preserving commercial fisheries sites to support the fishing industry in Harpswell.
3. Steward Reports: no action taken. To be reviewed when Ned is available for next meeting.

New Business:

1. Trash at Mackerel Cove: This site was cleaned last month. Now there has been an increase in trash, particularly larger items such as abandoned traps, tires and equipment. The Committee will look into installing cameras on site to discourage dumping.
2. Stovers Point: a large barge is sitting on the shore. Paul will be asked about removal.
3. Indian Rest lot: Ken will ask Terri about restarting the process of selling this lot to an abuttor . And about the status of a narrow strip of land behind the Cliff Trail.

Next committee meeting: **August 8, 2022 5 pm at Mackerel Cove**, with drive by inspection of Garrison Cove at end of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.