

**Town of Harpswell
Town Lands Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Mackerel Cove
August 8, 2022**

Present : Ken Oehmig and Hope Hilton, co-Chairs, Jane Smith, Tom Carr, David Hackett, Ned Perry, Associate Member

Absent: Harbormaster Paul Plummer; Selectboard Member Jane Covey

July minutes accepted without changes.

Updates:

1. CRITF: Garrison Cove analysis has been updated to incorporate potential affect of sea level rising. Will be reviewed by committee this Thursday 8/11.
2. Giant Stairs: Tim Vail has removed more poison ivy. Committee recommended that Town hire him to continue doing this on regular basis. Gravel pile still in place, i.e., not used as fill on trail yet.
3. Orrs Island Leases: there is paperwork on 5 renewals, not reviewed by committee members yet. The Task Force recommended conversion from residential use but has taken no action since then. Town Lands Committee would like to see Town seek out and establish more commercial access points for the fishing industry.
4. HIPP Bowdoin student volunteer work: no contact from them. [Postmeeting note: Bowdoin student has been in touch; some issues with email and spam folder bogged down communications]
5. Tide Mill workday: some Canadian thistle trimmed, along with some of the bushes. Committee recommended regular mowing to retain open area.
6. Lookout Point: Dave Hackett reports heavy use by public. Customers of Morses SnackBar Truck at Henry Allen's Lobster may be using town landing parking area. Some trucks have been parked overnight. Query whether the landing should be posted for no overnight parking.

Old Business:

1. Steward reports: Ned reported that he and his wife walked the Skofield Shore Preserve (land trust property) and reported trail conditions to HHLT. Curtis Cove trail appears to be in good condition (land trust property).
Devils Back West looks good. Devils Back East has rogue trails that need to be blocked.
Mackerel Cove: trash levels reduced with installation of Town trash barrels. Camera and sign were installed after meeting to track trash activities.
Uncle Zeke Island: Ken reported that the 'bvirid nesting' sign has been removed.
Town Commons: no updates on status of negotiations.
2. Toilets: ongoing efforts to locate toilet on Bailey Island
3. Renew efforts to contact abutters of town lands; Hope will ask Kristi.

Next meeting September 12th, 5:00 pm at Lookout Point. Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm.