

Town of Harpswell
Mitchell Field Committee Meeting
August 1, 2022

Attendees: Spike Haible, Lee Cheever, Bob Yanders, Mose Price, David Znamierowski

Also present: David Chipman

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The July 11, 2022 MFC minutes were approved as written [5-0-0].

New Business:

- **Boat Launch:** Spike reviewed boat launch changes the Barney Baker (BB) was asked to incorporate into the final plan. Discussed shared dinghy designation by BB which needs clarification. Agreed that dinghies would not be pulled onto docks for any reason. Float layout discussed as relates to protecting dinghies from wind. Bob Y. wants to make sure various layouts (including alternate version) have been considered for the record. Mose reminded that more floats or different configuration can be considered in the future. Agreed that room for eight dinghies to match number of moorings is appropriate at this time. Survey will help inform future decisions about number of moorings. Dinghy rack location discussed relative to boat launch construction phase, with possible final location on causeway. Kayak storage not envisioned by MFC at this point.
- Sidewalk on causeway discussed. Mose concerned about legally (DEP) cutting existing shrubs which act as a barrier and would remain in the final plan. BB will be asked to confirm that cutting is allowed and that final 4ft. sidewalk with curb will all fit.
- No other items were discussed. BB will take final plan to DEP for preliminary sense of approval process.
- **MF Survey update:** Survey is live online at town website and works fine. Some concern about “double dipping” by some respondents which Spike will review with Gina Perow who created the actual survey for online use. Survey also available on paper at Town office and will be included with August tax bills. Nice article in August Anchor, may be advertised on HCTV
- **Running Tide Lease Update:** No new news. Mose says we shouldn’t care too much about lease but should query them on MFMBD redraw. Concerns raised about boat launch construction and use of gravel road that currently passes through RT lot.
- **Marine Business District:** MFC subcomm anxious to get the re-draw started. Memo to and communication with Kristi Eiane resulted in the request for meeting to discuss how Town and MFC can proceed given each has a slightly different goal relative to Running Tide. Meeting to be arranged when both Don and Mark are available, late August probably.
- **Trails:** On hold until survey results in.
- **Park Benches:** Spike and Don looking into options given requests from public. North and South Perimeter roads likely locations.
- **Dog Pot Stations:** Working well, dog-owners doing a good job, much appreciated.
- **Town Planner report:** See handouts
- **Steward report:** See handouts
- **Lobster Boat Races:** maybe 300-500 people, vendors and race organization ran all aspects well and cleaned up perfectly, everyone enjoyed the races with good viewing locations. Art Howe suggested having an EMT on hand for large events like this.
- **Cell Tower and Verizon:** discussed briefly but not in MFC purview. Verizon customers are just grumpy about lousy cell service in S. Harpswell.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Handouts: (All handouts are available electronically)

- Planner memo, *Planner's Update*, July 29, 2022
- MF Steward memo, *Steward's Update*, July 27, 2022
- *Mitchell Field Goals and Action Items List*, July 26, 2022
- MFC Memo *Request for Authorization to begin an initiative to redraw the Mitchell Field Marine Business District*, July 31, 2022
- *Mitchell Field Boat Ramp Access Progress Set (Blueprints)* July 11, 2022

Next MF Committee Meeting:

- MFC meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- MFC meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- MFC meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Spike Haible