



**TOWN OF HARPSWELL**  
HARPSWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023  
MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 2:36 PM via Zoom

- Present: Mary Ann Nahf, Deirdre Strachan, Wendy Batson, Tony Barrett, Nancy West & Town Planner, Mark Eyerman. Absent: Paul Ciesielski & Jenny Zagariello.

- Minutes of 3/1 meeting approved unanimously

- Announcements: Mary Ann staffed the HCC table at the March 11 Town Meeting. Despite the high turnout, no one stopped at the table except HCC members. We maybe need a large poster, photos and food to get more attention in the future.

The Casco Bay Estuary grant application for training of landscapers/contractors regarding the new ordinances was not successful. Mary Ann had conversations with Victoria Bounty and Heather Hunt who provided more specific feedback – our application was too specialized and specific to Harpswell. They indicated that such training may be picked up in early 2024 combined with a broader project.

- Report on some 3/1 Action Items: The Library Project plan is to extend the ‘waterwise’ concept through presentations to the Cundy Harbor and Orr’s Island Libraries. On April 19, we will invite librarians to our HCC meeting to discuss ideas about how to approach getting information to the public.
- Anchor Article on Trees, Water and Development: The deadline for article submission is April 12 for the article on LID (low Impact Development) and impact to marine resources. Deirdre suggested putting in a graphic showing water run-off and to include photos of trees along the shore.
- Preparation for Public meeting re: road eng. Project: Gorrill Palmer estimates \$44,000 to study Bethel Point and Abner Point roads. The Town will seek a grant to cover this expense. The grant application deadline has not been announced but is anticipated to be announced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Mark stressed that public participation is a grant requirement. The public should have some say or at least an opportunity to object to the selection of roads (2-ft. Sea level rise is forecast to impact 4 town roads. Long Point, Basin Point and Lowell’s Cove Rd. were thought to be less impacted than Bethel and Abner Points). Will review with the Resiliency Committee on April 4.

- Earth Day update: Town Clean-up 4/22. We will provide small bags & gloves again. Recycling Group to do pick up. Wendy and Nancy will hang posters at the usual suspects. Wendy will wait until the first week of April. Mary Ann will cover Bailey and Orr's Islands.
- Next meeting date: Due to member scheduling conflicts, the next HCC meeting has been scheduled from April 5 to Tuesday, April 4 @ 2:00 PM

Meeting Closed: 3:16 PM

APPROVED 4/4/23

Upcoming meetings:

4/4 (note 2:00 PM start) and 4/19