

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine**  
**March 8, 2017**

**Attending:**

Members:       *Present:* Burr Taylor – Chair, Alison Hawkes, Peter Darling, Philip Conner and Jack Dostie  
                      *Absent:* Bill Saxton  
Harbormaster:   *Absent:* Jim Hays

**Activities:**

- Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm
- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted

**Harbormaster Report:**

- There was no report. Jim Hays was attending the Maine Harbor Master’s Association annual training.

**Other Committees:**

***Marine Resources***

- Alison Hawkes reported that the MR Committee is discussing the possibility of expanding the species of shellfish to be covered by the shellfish ordinance. Many species share similar ecosystems and a comprehensive ordinance may be beneficial to all.

**Old Business:**

- The Committee quickly reviewed the proposed Ordinance changes that will be discussed at the annual Town Meeting. Burr Taylor pointed out that there is a typo in the Ordinance. “*Section VII*” should read “*Section VIII*”
- The position of the Harbormaster was briefly discussed. Burr Taylor will approach the Town Administrator to express the Committees’ interest in being part of the selection process.

**New Business:**

***Ordinance Changes***

- There was an extended discussion on mooring classifications and priorities. Philip Conner presented the group with a proposal to expand the list of Mooring Categories and to make them coincide with the language in the mooring application forms.
- A sticking point is the classification of moorings used by fishermen as part of a co-op or fish processing business. Moorings owned by the business entity but used by fishermen as part of the consideration from that business are currently treated no different than individual Commercial Moorings. The Committee feels that the Commercial Mooring classification is appropriate for sole proprietor fishermen and that the Rental Mooring classification is more reflective of the use and purpose of fishing co-ops and fish processing businesses.
- The Committee will review the definition of *Marine Related Business* in an attempt to clarify the ambiguous use of the phrase “...*commercial fishing vessels.*” Is the exclusion of commercial fishing vessels in the definition intended to describe independent, sole proprietor fishermen only; or to exclude a group of fishermen fishing collectively?
- The Committee will review the definition of *Rental Mooring* to see if it is worded appropriately.

Adjourned – 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Dostie

**Next Meeting:**

April 12, 2017 - Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Harpswell Town Office

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