

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
May 9, 2018

Members: *Present:* Burr Taylor – Chair, Mose Price, Philip Conner, Bill Saxton, Jack Perry and Jack Dostie
Harbormaster: Paul Plummer
Guest: Matt Calouro, *On Line Moorings* (by phone)

Activities:

- o Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted

Harbormaster Report:

- o Paul Plummer reported that a 28' fishing vessel has sunk at its mooring off Oakhurst Island is still unrecovered. A sailboat has also sunk in Middle Bay.
- o Paul reported that Bowdoin College's Coastal Studies Center has partnered with Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution to monitor 'red tide' phytoplankton in the Lumbo's Hole area of Orr's Island. They will be utilizing a 15' research vessel and have requested a waiver of the \$125. mooring fee, which the Town has granted.
- o The Casco Bay harbormasters and the DMR are meeting to discuss the proliferation of aquaculture leases. The towns of Phippsburg, Brunswick, W. Bath, Freeport, Falmouth, Cumberland and Harpswell will be meeting in Yarmouth. Portland has not yet committed to the meeting.

Old Business:

Town Dock

- o There was a brief discussion regarding raising the dinghy fee at the Town dock. It was decided to revisit the issue at a later date.

Mooring Application

- o Matt Calouro of On Line Moorings spoke to the Committee by phone and presented a video display of how the system works. The software will handle all mooring relate transactions and provide a long-term database for historical review. The packaged software is customizable based on the requirements of the Town. It can manage all the data that the Town currently collects as well as maintain Wait Lists and automatically send out reminders. The system has no up-front cost to the Town. The costs are borne by a \$6 fee attached to each mooring renewal or application. Because the system is credit card based, there is also a small card service fee to consider. Overall, the Committee was favorably impressed with the proposal and encourage the Harbormaster to move forward with the project.
- o The Harbormaster provided the Committee with documents detailing the mooring fees charged by other municipalities in the area. After an extended discussion, a motion was made and carried to raise the mooring fees accordingly;
 - i. 50.00 Resident & Taxpayer (was 25.00)
 - ii. 150.00 Non-resident (was 125.00)
 - iii. 100.00 Rental (no change)
 - iv. 50.00 Service (new classification)

Waiting Lists

- o The Committee discussed the possibility of charging a \$10.00 annual fee to be on a Waiting List.

New Business:

Aquaculture

- o The Committee's role for the upcoming year will be to review the ever-increasing interest in aquaculture licensing and to determine a better way to manage the growth.

Adjourned – 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie

Next Meeting:

June 13, 2018 - Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Harpswell Town Office