

Meeting Minutes
Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine
June 13, 2018

Members: *Present:* Burr Taylor – Chair, Mose Price, Philip Conner, Jack Perry and Jack Dostie
Absent; Bill Saxton,

Harbormaster: Paul Plummer

Guest: Kevin Johnson, Selectman

Activities:

- Meeting called to order at 4:59 pm
- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted

Harbormaster Report:

- Paul Plummer reported that he will be meeting with the CG and local fishermen to try to determine the best way to remove the sunken sailboat in Middle Bay.
- Paul reported that there is more activity now that the boating season has arrived. A concerned member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary has contacted him regarding the inaccurate placement/markings of the navigational aids at the Crib Stone Bridge.
- A resident in the Potts Harbor area has questioned Paul regarding the lack of a dinghy space at the Town dock. He was informed that to acquire a tie-up, he must reserve one annually when they become available on January 15th of each year. The resident felt that because he lives locally and has a mooring in the harbor, that he was entitled to dinghy space at the dock. The Committee feels that, given his long-time use of the harbor, it is incumbent on him to be familiar with the rules. He should consider installing a haul-off on his own property for this year and reserve a dinghy space early in 2019.

Old Business:

Town Dock

- There was a brief discussion regarding raising the dinghy fee at the Town dock. It was decided the current \$25 fee was too low and should be raised to \$150 to partially recover some of the expenses incurred by having the dock and to more accurately reflect the tremendous value it is to those fortunate enough to tie their dinghy there.

Mooring Application

- There was no update on the status of On Line Moorings proposal to automate the Town mooring process.
- The Committee reviewed the changes in mooring fees proposed by the BAC and felt that the raising the Rental fee from \$100 to \$200 was excessive. The Committee recommended a modest increase of \$25 to make the Rental mooring fee \$125.
- The Committee accepted two of the changes proposed by the BAC;
 - Non-Resident mooring fee to \$250.
 - Waiting List fee of \$10

Aquaculture

- Paul Plummer informed the Committee that interest in aquaculture is rising dramatically and consequently occupying a greater portion of the schedule. The DMR does not allow towns to charge the applicant to process the application even though it demands a substantial amount of time on the part of the Harbormaster. As an effort to recover some expenses of fuel and time, the Committee feels that a modest Site Evaluation fee be assessed to the application process.
- As new aquaculture applications come forward, Paul will forward them to the Committee's for review and comment prior to granting his approval.

Adjourned – 5:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie

Next Meeting:

August 8, 2018 - Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Harpswell Town Office