

**Town of Harpswell  
Mitchell Field Committee Meeting  
August 5, 2019**

**Attending:** S. Haible, D. Miskill, M. Price, L. Cheever, P. Ciesielski, P. Connor, S. Oehmig, M. Eyerman

**Absent:** D. Znamerowski, S. Sheffer

**Quorum:** quorum present, meeting called to order 5:00 PM

**Meeting Minutes:** The July 1, 2019 minutes were approved without comment save for spelling error.

**New Business:**

- **Master Plan Working Group Update:** M. Price provided update. Price and Haible will meet August 7 to polish up final draft for presentation to full MFMPWG meeting 8/15/19, with goal of presenting to full MFC in September.
- **Cell Tower and Solar Field Update:**
  - a) D. Miskill met with selectmen to present MFC recommendations for cell tower. Town has contacted a number of vendors to gauge interest in building and managing tower.
  - b) Energy and Technology Committee is waiting to see next steps for Maine legislation re-instating community solar rules, then will weigh in with their own recommendation regarding Harpswell's proposed system.
- **Community Garden Water Supply Update:** installation in process, some technical issues slowing it down, but end is near.
- **2020 Budget:** MF budget has funds unexpended for demolition of water tower buildings and lead remediation, mowing of fields and landfill, traffic monitors and Invasives removal. Some discussion about how to fund boat launch construction—continue with smaller funding steps as with MF ramp/float system, or request lump sum. D. Miskill will keep MFC informed as budget process moves along
- **Waterfront Use Issues:** D. Miskill, M. Price and M. Eyerman will meet with Harbormaster P. Plummer and Selectman Johnson about whether to continue closing MF from sunset to sunrise to deter theft and vandalism. Access issues that need thinking through are dinghy storage for mooring field and how owners access them, how mooring owners access the waterfront, overnight guest boats at floats, boat traffic in swimming area, topless (women) bathing (state law allows for it).
- **Chair Update:** memo reviewed by D. Miskill. Running Tide is up and running, plans on open house in September. Admin building garage roof may be repaired to protect the Town boats, selectmen still to decide on this. Concern raised about mowing fields while flowers still blooming, suggested it wait until bloom is finished, likely September.
- **Planner's update:** memo reviewed by M. Eyerman. RFP for engineering services to design ramp and float system has been issued with answers due by 8/21/19. Once a contractor is selected and design approved by MDOT with input from Town (MFC and Selectboard), work can begin, likely Spring 2020.
- **Steward update:** memo reviewed by D. Miskill, including work plans.

### **Work Plans**

- **Summer Work Plan:** Don M. outlined the basic plan for summer work tasks, see memo
- **Action Items:** no changes

**Next Master Plan Update Workshop:** August 15, 2019 5:00 PM

**Bowdoin College Common Good Day:** September 21, 2019 1:00-4:00 PM

**Next MFC Meeting:** September 16, 2019 5:00 PM

### **Handouts:**

- Memo from D. Miskill; *Steward's Update June 27, 2019*
- Memo from Mark Eyerman; *Planner's Update August 1, 2019*
- Memo from D. Miskill; *Chairperson's Report June 27, 2019*

Meeting adjourned 5:48 PM

Minutes by Spike Haible