



TOWN OF HARPSWELL

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harpswell Town Office
MINUTES

APPROVED 9/1/21

AUGUST 9, 2021

Open Meeting 1:40

- Minute Taker Today: Nancy
- Roll Call: M. Nahf, W. Batson, D. Strachan, Nancy West, and Planner: M. Eyerman.
Absent: JP. Ciesielski, J Zagariello, B. Newberg, S. Vachon,
- Approval of 7/21/21 minutes. Deirdre moved, Wendy seconded. Unanimous approval.
- Announcements: Because Maine is no longer in a declared state of emergency, future meetings will be held in person.
- Road Association 2nd workshop – status report
- Format will be a panel of road association leaders Bill Utley, High Head Road Association; Bob Gaudreau, Gun Point Road Association; and David Duehring, Wallace Shore Road Association. Whether to do this in person for more natural interaction among panelists or by Zoom for greater participation and recording for future viewing led to plans for a hybrid model with Mary Ann and panelists in the same place and others participating remotely. Recording would allow residents of West Bath and Phippsburg, in our Maine Climate Resiliency cohort, to watch. Panelists will be asked about September 1st, 5 - 6 pm. Publicity will be via email to previous participants, the town calendar, the Anchor, and posters.
- Mary Ann, Mark, and Christy represent Harpswell in the state's project (the cohort mentioned above). To address a lack of road associations that could impede progress toward meeting Maine's climate change goals, the state will present again "How to Form Road Associations."
- Other
 - Stormwater and runoff: While ordinances require subdivisions to address stormwater, and in light of updating the Comprehensive Plan, do we need to do anything regarding single family dwellings? There were 40 building permits issued for new single family homes, tear-downs, and seasonal conversions in 2018, 31 in 2019, and 43 in 2020. Maine mandates that if you impact the shoreline, you must submit before and after photographs to receive a Certificate of Occupancy. Changes to the Harpswell's Basic Land Use Ordinance regarding erosion control and stormwater were approved at this year's Town Meeting. Are people required to address issues of runoff in their permit applications? Is there follow-up? We agreed to look at the application and the information residents get when picking up the application. We need to assess and revise, if needed, information for homeowners, contractors, architects, arborists, and landscapers.
 - Writeup sent for Bulletin: Information regarding our future groundwater sessions will be included in the Bulletin for distribution with tax notices.
 - Next meetings: September 1 and 15th.
- Adjourn 2:40.

Some interesting reading and watching:

- [Coastal Resilience | Maine](#)
- National EPA Soils Calculator - <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/national-stormwater-calculator>
- P. Slovinsky Feb. 2021 Maine Coastal Property Owner’s Guide to Eros., Flood. & Other hazards. https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1605&context=mgs_publications
- MOFGA webinar regarding Radical Forestry Management https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPorH1i__Uw#t=0m0s
- Edgewood Nurseries Lecture re: Food forest gardening; discusses ability to grow under the canopy of trees if understand the root structure. (Possible talk w/Aaron. edgewoodlandscapes@gmail.com 4 Cruston Way, Falmouth, Maine

Minute Taking Info

Minute Takers

July	Paul
August	Sue
September	Jenny
September	Wendy
October	Deirdre
October	Bobbie
November	Nancy
November	Paul
December	Sue
December	Jenny
January	Wendy
January	Deirdre

Minute Taker Hints

Can use the agenda as template, just substitute Minutes for Agenda

Record attendance, opening and closing time

Record votes - if vote split show the #Yea and nay

Record action items and responsibility

Where possible summarize pertinent discussion

Sign minutes, send draft to members for review; update w edits and resend.

Once minutes approved mark APPROVED and send to:

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