



TOWN OF HARPSWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harpswell Town Office
OCTOBER 20, 2021, 2:30 PM

Open Meeting Start 2:38 pm

Minute Taker Today - Bobbie

Roll Call: P. Ciesielski, M. Nahf, W. Batson, Nancy West, J. Zagariello, S. Vachon, and B Newberg. Absent: D. Strachan and Planner: M. Eyerman.

Approval of 10/6/21 minutes: Wendy moved, all approved.

Announcements:

1. (Previous announcement still applicable:) Bowdoin will hold a Social and Economic resilience webinar in Dec via Zoom.

Discuss Promo at Selectman's meeting

RE: Library distribution and copy of Maine Won't Wait

Mary Ann asked Nancy whether she could attend the next Selectmen's meeting (11/4) in public comment, and explain the promo. Nancy will aim to attend that meeting and committee member were asked to show support by attending the first portion of the meeting Further detailed discussion ensued about maps, network of connectedness, and discussion about additional activities on Climate Resilience.

Well Water and Groundwater

Jenny and Nancy have been working together on analysis of 1) Precipitation fall and water supply replenishments and 2) Runoff.

They explained that they intend to use an ArcGIS Storymap to get people's attention and educate and inform. Given the growing population, the impact increases continuously. Further discussion about identifying past Harpswell farms given the land use changes since the 1800's. Will need to review Harpswell Historical Society's information on past farms.

Questions to Consider. How many wells can Harpswell sustain? We all share water in Harpswell. This program needs to engage people to protect their groundwater. There was discussion about the town possibly having an RGIS license for a storyboard and the free on line model available..

Goals. Help the people to be aware of the well water and groundwater situation. Help them understand that they can protect and prevent by planting trees and erosion control. Intend to create interactive conversations with participants.

Goal. A practice demo with the (HCC) Harpswell Conservation Commission, on 12/1; then with town committees; then w/ HHLT. The ultimate sessions with the public are planned to be both in-person and online sessions.

Runoff, Erosion, Trees & More

Explaining Runoff, Erosion, Trees, and more as they are impacted by the new town ordinances via an informational flyer. Sue drafted a matrix which provided a helpful starting point for the committee members, and initiated productive discussion for flushing out further design and details for the flyer. Detailed discussion followed (discussion about the RPD, Resource Protection District, on the draft matrix, and how the RPD restrictions compared to the shoreland zoning).

There was further discussion about completing and presenting the matrix. Committee members will send Sue their input for their part of the matrix. Sue will assimilate the information and provide to HCC for review and further discussion at 11/3 meeting.

There was question about whether the town will allow any form of this matrix in case it would be interpreted as code. A clear notation needs to appear on all pages directing the reader to the Town Ordinances for details.

Wendy also suggested that HCC discuss with arborists as we prepare the matrix.

Logo.

Discussed the logo Sue designed. The logo was favored by all. Thank you, Sue!

Road Associations.

Mary Ann indicated that we need to check into obtaining the last meeting presentation of the Maine Road Association Alliance (MARA) as we are a member

- Adjourned 4:06pm

Next Meeting 11/3 @ 2:30pm

Submitted by:

Bobbie Newberg, Scribe