

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine**  
**December 13, 2017**

**Attending:**

Members: *Present:* Burr Taylor – Chair, Mose Price, Bill Saxton, Philip Conner and Jack Dostie  
Harbormaster: Paul Plummer  
Selectman: Kevin Johnson

**Activities:**

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted
- Burr Taylor announced that Peter Darling is no longer a Committee member.

**Harbormaster Report:**

- Paul Plummer reported that, except for Cundy's Harbor, he has plotted the majority of Harpswell's moorings. He also secured the No Wake buoy at Indian Rest.
- The boat ramp at Potts Point has an ongoing problem of sand infilling the ramp and requiring periodic clean-outs with heavy equipment. Paul will consult with an engineer to try to find a long-range solution.
- The Harbormaster boat has been winterized.
- The October wind storm knocked down trees in many areas of Harpswell and pushed ashore a 38' lobster boat near the Clark Shore Road.

**Other Committees:**

***Marine Resources***

- Paul Plummer reported that MR Committee will be voting on the removal of the current conservation closures.

**Old Business:**

***Ordinance Changes***

- Paul Plummer presented the Committee with a draft of the proposed changes to the H&W Ordinance. There was an extended discussion on the various points and ultimately the draft was approved.

**New Business:**

***Boats used as Housing***

- There was a general discussion about the increasing use of boats as vacation rental housing. The Committee feels that, provided the boat and its owner are fully compliant with the current local, state and marine regulations, the Town should have an interest but not necessarily an objection to their continued use. To allow the Harbormaster greater oversight on this matter, the Committee recommended the removal the words "*year round*" from Section 8.1.10 RULES AND REGULATIONS

***Future Discussions***

- A question on the applicability of the current fee structure for moorings that are accessed from the Potts Harbor dock was raised. Mooring holders using the dock reap the benefits of having a well-maintained and seaworthy dock at their disposal at no extra charge. The Committee will explore the possibility of a surcharge for those moorings.
- Philip Conner requested the review of the Mooring Application.
- Boat ramp and mooring field for Mitchell Field.

Adjourned – 6:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie

**Next Meeting:**

January 10, 2018 - Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Harpswell Town Office