

Town Lands Committee – 02/08/2021 VIA ZOOM – Final

Members Present – David Morton, Ned Perry, Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, Priscilla Seimer, Jane Smith.

Admin – Paul Plummer, Harbormaster

Guest - Richard Bean

Minutes of last meeting approved

Updates

- Tide Mill – Admin reported no new developments to report
- Canine Taskforce – Recommendations accepted by Select Board and a new public guidelines pamphlet published.
- Alcohol Use – The current Town policy regarding Town Lands was reviewed. Future discussion is anticipated by Town Lands and Select Board.

Old Business

- Stewardship – a draft document of *Steward Responsibilities* was discussed with a focus on lines of communication and reporting mechanisms. It is anticipated that the final draft could be included in the Town Policy Manual with Select Board approval.
- Annual Town Lands Report – draft to be reviewed and submitted to Town
- Toilets – HHLT (Harpwell Heritage Land Trust) is coordinating with Town Lands, re Mackerel Cove. The Bethel Point site was discussed with a hope of installation by early Spring. Admin will continue discussions with Town staff in the coming week.
- Climate – The Climate Resiliency Implementation Task Force may ask Town Lands to assist in monitoring and documenting king tide levels at landings. The Committee will seek guidance in how to implement this effort.
- Signage at Giant's Stairs and HHLT – HHLT is willing to coordinate with Town Lands for consistency at both north and south ends of the trail. The Committee will submit a draft to HHLT as a start.
- Poison Ivy – Goats? Pros and cons discussed. Other remediation techniques were discussed. More frequent and consistent mowing was discussed.

New Business

- Select Board Rockweed Workshop – March 2, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom, to discuss whether to allow rockweed harvesting at Town Lands Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- Maine Island Trail Ass. (MITA) request for overnight parking – given the limited space available at Town Land sites, it was suggested that a list of private parking availability, such as Bethel Point Boat Yard, be made available to MITA as an alternative to street overnight parking. Admin is offering a Float Plan to help manage tracking overnight parking and provide an additional safety precaution for boaters on overnight trips.
- Grover Lane – a brief verbal report of a site visit was made. A short birding trail along the marsh is a possibility. A Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership (HIPP) survey was suggested. Limited parking was noted.

2021 Goals –

2021 Ongoing Goals:

- ▶ Rockweed issues and concerns, including scheduling workshop late spring.
- ▶ Task(s) related to Climate Resiliency Task Force.
- ▶ Policy spelled out in various locations in Policy Manual Town Lands Stewards reporting.
- ▶ Graveyard Point landing for possible landscaping and picnic table.
- ▶ Lookout Point trash
- ▶ HIPP goal to survey town lands for invasives
- ▶ Garrison Cove
- ▶ GS stones
- ▶ Poison ivy control

Next meeting March 8, 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM