

Town Lands Committee – 1/12/2021 VIA ZOOM – Final and Accepted

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

Admin – Paul Plummer, Harbormaster

Minutes of last meeting approved

Updates

- Tide Mill – No new developments. commencement delay due to delayed materials delivery.
- Canine Taskforce – Committee Recommendations accepted by Board of Selectmen
- Climate Taskforce – Is evolving into an implementation Taskforce with first meeting upcoming. Update pending.
- Giant Stairs Rock Fall – a site visit did not reveal any unusual or unexpected rock fall or erosion. The Committee will continue to monitor the area thru site visits and steward reports.
- Portable Toilets – update expected for February meeting.

New Business

- Grover Lane – site visit scheduled for Monday, January 18th
- Items for Town Annual Report
 - 1- Town Lands provided sufficient maintenance and monitoring despite the marked increase in use this past year, primarily due to Covid-19 effects on public activity.
 - 2- Cleanup Days were held at Graveyard, Mackerel Cove, and ongoing cleanup effort at Lookout Point with the help and cooperation of the Harpswell Harbormaster.
 - 3- Response to last year's shark threat as well as bacteria(?) and rainfall advisories at coastal Town Land sites
 - 4- Upgrading of signage on Town Lands, including coordination with HHLT for consistent signage at abutting properties.
 - 5- Improvement plans for Tide Mill

A draft Town Lands submission to Annual Report will be written and presented to the Committee for comment.

- 2021 Goals
 - 1- Poison Ivy remediation
 - 2- Public clarification of ownership and perimeter of Town Lands property at Garrison Cove.
 - 3- Coordination with HIPP to evaluate and treat invasive plants on Town Lands
 - 4- Improved organization and review of Steward reports, as well as publishing a Steward manual to help recruit and initiate new participants.
- A position of Steward Coordinator was created and Ned Perry elected to that position.

Next meeting Feb 8, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom