

Town Lands Minutes September 14, 2020 **Draft**

Committee members present: Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, David Morton, Ned Perry, Jane Smith

- Minutes approved and accepted
- **UPDATES**

Tide Mill – to date there have been no contractor bids for the improvement project

Climate Resiliency Taskforce – Ken reported meetings will resume next week and is seeking input from the Town Lands Committee.

Portable Toilets – Hope reviewed the discussion with Jane Covey and administration staff, including Codes Enforcement. Consensus in the Committee was reached to encourage the Town to place toilets at Town Lands sites for the benefit of commercial fishing activity. Hope and Ken plan to meet with Codes Enforcement to discuss any code exemptions that might be required.

Dog Taskforce – Hope reported that the minutes of the last Taskforce meeting have not been released yet. Responses to the public questionnaire are still being received.

Giant's Stairs – Ken reported a successful Workday both at Mackerel Cove and GS. Ned suggested that bike racks at other sites might benefit from similar attention.

Lookout Point – Ken reported on a meeting with Barney Baker at the site to assess potential effects of sea rise for Climate Resiliency Taskforce.

Garrison Cove – The use of the beach property adjacent to the boat ramp, confirmed as part of the Town Landing, was discussed. Placement of landmarks delineating the property line was considered.

- **Old Business**

Bethel Point Parking – Hope noted that trailer parking restrictions end Sept.15. Also, consistent with the decision to decrease the number of permitted parking spaces to accommodate only those with currently active permits, it was suggested that the parking signage be removed until next Spring.

Graveyard Point – Ken discussed parking and signage. It was suggested dialogue include the abutter to assure he has adequate access to his property. A picnic table at the site was also discussed.

- **New Business**

Town Lands and Climate Resiliency Taskforce – Ken discussed the documentation of climate impact on Town Lands as support for grant requests. Lookout Pt, Garrison Cove, Hildreth, and Potts Landing were suggested sites at potential risk.

Grover Lane Town property – Ken described the new addition to Town Lands and suggested a site visit during the winter when the wetlands is frozen.

Steward List – Ken suggested reviewing the List for accuracy to be discussed at the next meeting.

HIPP – Jeff Stann, in absentia, of Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership would like to renew his offer to Town Lands stewards to help identify and eradicate invasives on the Town Land sites they monitor. Hope volunteered to pass this reminder along via email to all Town Land stewards, along with contact info for HIPP.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 13 at 6:00pm via ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned