



Town of Southwest Harbor  
Harbor Committee  
6/2/2025

**Attendance**

**Committee members:** Anne Napier, Nick Madeira, Billy Norwood, Remington Berzinis, Donald Sullivan, Justin Snyder, Mike Brzezowski

**Absences:**, John Stanley, Josh Ray

**Harbor Master:** Rob Leavitt

**Selectboard Liaison:** Dan Norwood

**Motions During Meeting**

- **Motion by Justin:** Adjourn at 8:03pm (Mike Seconded (7:0))

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

a.

**2. Visitors to be heard, not on the agenda.**

a.

**3. Approval of Minutes- 05-07-2025**

a. Not yet prepared, will be available next meeting

**4. Harbor Master Report**

a. Online mooring = 568 total mooring, 200 approved, 150 under review (paid and waiting on inspections), 215 not renewed

b. Nor'easter delayed the start

i. 40' sailboat broke free and landed on a dock (It was put on the wrong mooring). Caused much damage, but the Coast Guard helped fast enough to prevent much more damage.

- ii. Metal finger floats took a beating, broke pins, etc.
- c. Diver found missing chain at Manset, final 3 docks can go in now.
- d. Dinghy floats delayed another week to finish Manset pier temporary steps with permanent asphalt.
- e. Harbormaster boat needs to be launched.
- f. Increasing speed buoys from 3 to 5
- g. Hoses installed
- h. Porta Potty at upper town dock coming, Manset one is getting upgraded to handicap accessible and with sanitizer.
- i. Mooring balls going in.
- j. Hoist repair quotes coming in.
- k. Wonderland cleanup by Clean Maine Shores (Scott Grierson), took out 54, 34 more to go

#### **5. Manset Dock Renovation Update**

- a. FEMA - No new updates
- b. Need to do west side curbing
- c. Used over 150 15" timber screws to secure timber
- d. Decking secured with 8" timber screws
- e. Great volunteer crew to help

#### **6. Excessive Harbor Speeds**

- a. Harbormaster will speak to people running unsafe speeds

#### **7. Parking Fees**

- a. Select board is asking for guidance on who gets free parking (as part of hoist fee, etc), reduced rates, etc.
- b. Harbormaster cannot be in the parking lot enforcing parking.
- c. Police are now fully staffed and willing to enforce, but we do not have clear signage for them to enforce.
- d. Categories of Users
  - i. Commercial Fisherman
  - ii. Commercial (non-fishing)
  - iii. Recreational - Mooring Owners
  - iv. Recreational - Not Mooring Owner
- e. General thoughts
  - i. Want to hear how other towns (Bar Harbor) handle this.
  - ii. Those who pay harbor fees should have a free parking permit.

#### **8. Lobster Buyer Policy, with renewal policy**

- a. Next meeting, review 4 proposed policies and create one final policy.
- b. Mike will create a basic starter rubric.

#### **9. Harbor User Policy**

- a. New document to create a behavior policy for users of the harbor.

- b. John Larson is consolidating it.
- c. Harbormaster will provide an update at the next meeting.

**10. Harbor Committee Bylaws**

- a.

**11. Comments from the Committee**

- a.

**12. Suggestions for Next Meeting**

- a.

**13. Adjournment**

- a.