



**Town of Southwest Harbor
Harbor Committee
9/6/2023
6:00pm**

Attendance

Committee members: Anne Napier, Nick Madeira, Mike Brzezowski, John Stanley

Excused Absences: Donal Sullivan, Corey Pettegrow, Ron Weiner

Unexcused Absences:

Harbor Master: Not Present

Public: Mike McEnroe, Josh , John Williams

Selectboard Liaison: Luke Damon

Motions During Meeting

- **Motion by Mike:** Approve August minutes (John Seconded) (4:0)
- **Motion by John:** Adjourn (Nick Seconded) (4:0)

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

A. 6:06pm

II. Visitors to be heard, not on the agenda.

A. **Mike McEnroe:** voiced concern about the proposed ordinance requiring 24 hour prior notice for any landings at the Manset beach. Often they cannot give that much notice and they have worked hard to

coordinate with the harbor master and be cautious of, and helpful to, any kayakers. He also noted how busy the ramp is and that his use of the beach helps decrease the congestion.

1. **Nick Madeira:** Suggested that Mike talk with the harbormaster. 24 hours would not be set in stone as long as they continually talk to harbormaster to keep up to date.

B. John Williams:

1. Can we require liability insurance for any boat on a mooring in SWH?
 - a) **Nick Madeira & Luke Damon:** It is unclear if we can do that legally.
2. Parking at the lower town dock is very full this year (ferry traffic at Beals?)
 - a) **Nick Madeira:** It has been noticed and we are looking into parking kiosks.

III. Approval of Minutes- 08-07-2023

- A. Approved

IV. Parking plan for town dock facilities

- A. Nick and harbormaster are working together on it. Nick has noticed how chaotic the parking is.
- B. Luke Damon offered the use of his construction line sprayer to the harbormaster to make lines, if even temporary to test ideas.
- C. Anne believes there is still enough funds in the Manset Development Fund to pay for one kiosk.

V. Harbor Master office update

A. Anne's Update

1. CEO's have inspected and OK's the plans and location.

2. CEO's help Harbormaster complete building permit forms.
3. Tomorrow, the planning board meets and votes on the building permit.
4. Siding decisions are not complete yet. Builder is recommending vinyl over the cedar siding. Anne has a data sheet of the siding options and comparisons.
5. Monday the 11th, Anne and harbormaster meet with builders for final details.
6. Tuesday the 12, Anne reports back to the selectboard.
7. Builder projects 12 weeks from signing contract and providing the deposit to delivery.
8. Luke Damon raised concerns about plumbing freezing and how we can make sure it is weather tight and protected from freeze.

VI. Harbor Master Report

- A. Deputy Harbor Master, Micala, covered in my absence and received several comments on what a great job she does.
- B. Received Signage for Harbor and in process of mounting them throughout the three docks.
- C. Built and installed Information Board at end of Manset Dock. Will be used to post harbor regulations, changes to ordinances, and any other pertinent information to the public and commercial fisherman. As time allows, will create boards for Lower and Upper Town docks. The real goal is these will be installed in the spring.
- D. Received spare hoist motor with correct adaptor plate.
- E. Posted notifications that floats/docks will be removed starting Sept 15 with expected completion by November 15 th .

F. Working with Public Works and Ocean House to remove floats and bridges for the eastern set of dinghy floats at Manset. Once that is confirmed, signs will be posted leading to those sets of floats and on the sign board on Manset Dock.

G. The Harbormaster truck passed the annual state inspection.

H. Notices Posted

1. [Harbor Ordinances](#)

2. [Float Removal](#)

VII. Ordinance recommendation update

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1. -change previous ordinance recommendation to

a) The kayak launch area is specifically designated with signs and outlined as only for the launch and recovery of paddle craft. The use of this area for other uses can be granted with prior approval of the harbormaster.

VIII. Comments from the Committee

A. General housekeeping around docks needs to be better.

1. Bait and oil

2. Water hoses- not enough and better presentation

IX. Suggestions for Next Meeting

A. Next meeting is October 2nd at 6:00pm.

B. Harbormaster office update from Anne.

C. Parking design.

X. Adjournment

A. 8:01pm