



Town of Southwest Harbor Harbor Committee

March 12th, 2018 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Committee members: Corey Pettegrow, Brian Walls, Anne Napier, John Stanley, Nick Madeira

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Harbor Master: Adam Thurston

Selectmen:

Public:

I. Call to Order / Role Call

All members present.

II. Visitors to be Heard

None

III. Acceptance of Minutes

Acceptance of February 12th minutes.

Corey made motion.

Nick seconded.

Vote (5-0)

IV. Harbormasters Report

Parts for hydraulic hoist are not going to arrive until mid-April. At that time the HM will get together with John Spofford to get an estimate on installation. The HM has picked Acadia fuel to change out the hoist pole at Manset dock, along with moving the ladder. The new Upper Town floats are built and waiting installation. The select board cut the CIP contribution to the hook lot development by half. \$4000 will go into the line item this year.

V. Andy Mays Recognition

The members signed the Mays recognition letter. The select board read the note at the last meeting and signed the note.

VI. Report on Cruise Ship Ordinance

Corey was satisfied with the select board's decision to move the cruise ship ordinance to the voters. The select board was concerned with trying to regulate navigation and anchorage within our waters, and it was noted that we could not deny these activities.



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The language denying navigation was struck and the rest of the document stayed the same.

VII. Report on new Harbor Ordinances

The select board approved our ordinance changes and they will go on to the voters. The harbormaster asked for the committees support for the Online Mooring computer program. This program will track payments, inspections, mooring births, and it will streamline mooring information for each individual.

Corey made a motion to start using the Online Mooring program.

John Seconded.

Vote (5-0)

John suggested that a 40-50 foot vessel range should be included in the mooring specification sheet. The harbormaster will add that to the sheet.

VIII. Planning for Hook Property

The committee would like to know what types of permits are required to fill in areas of the hook property below the high tide mark. They would also like to know how far we can go out. The harbormaster will look into what is needed.

It was pointed out that even if we cannot do a lot of fill right now we still can level off the lot and add rip rap to protect the shore.

Corey stated that the town is going to be doing a lot of road work coming up and some of the left over fill could be used for the Hook lot.

Corey made a motion to task the town crew to start reclaiming overgrowth, have the harbormaster check on permitting for fill and leveling.

John seconded.

Vote (5-0)

John stated that Lydia has put in a lot of work to get the hook property and should be recognized for her efforts. Anne recommended a second bench or some sort of dedication to Lydia.

IX. Mooring Plan Discussion

The harbormaster presented the current mooring plan layout. The main goal at this point is to come up with a more realistic configuration with channels, anchoring



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locations, and mooring births. The current plan seems to have moorings too close together and lacks a necessary channel to the Upper Town Dock.

The committee would like to incorporate Greenings Island moorings in the plan. The harbormaster will create a larger chart to include Greenings.

It was stated that the mooring waiting list was not created because of lack of room for vessels; it was created because of lack of parking for vehicles and dinghy space.

Corey recommended that the harbormaster work on a plan that will improve the parking situation at the Lower Town Dock.

Anne seconded.

Vote (5-0)

John stated that if we want more recreational moorings then the select board needs to support the development of the hook lot for parking. If we provide more parking we will be able to provide more moorings.

X. Recruitment of Harbor Committee Members

The committee is looking for new members. Anne states that we have a capacity of 12 for the board. The regulations concerning committee members for the town states that members must be citizens. This rule has been interrupted by the town to say residents, but it actually does not state that. The rules should state that you either need to pay property taxes or live in town for more than half the year. This way we would attract more members.

XI. Comments for the good of the committee

John would like to see the manset finger floats moved to the west side of the dock. This would leave the east side for selling lobsters. Moving the floats away from the ramp would make it difficult to launch and remove vessels. The Madeira property line runs along the west edge of the manset pier. The town would need to have permission to run over the property line with floats. It was agreed to add the item to the next meeting.

XII. Other Business

None

XIII. Suggestions for

Manset finger floats



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XIV. Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn.

Nick seconded.

Vote (5-0)