Meeting to be held at Town of Southwest Harbor Fire -
House 6:00 pm

I. Call to Order/Roll Call
6:05 pm Tuesday, September Eighth
In Person: Nick Maderia, Remmington Berzinis, Billy Norwood, Chris Clark, Ryan Donahue joined at 7:27
Zoom: Ronny Musetti

Harbor Master: Robert Leavitt

II. Visitors to be heard, not on the agenda
No persons present.

III. Approval of Minutes- 08-03-2026
Bill made the motion, and Chris seconded
Passed (5:0)

IV. Harbor Management Plan
Nick explained the previous harbor management plan in brief and that the plan needs to be published as an official document since things have progressed on as far as the project and what new plans, projects, problems, and other various pieces of information need to be updated.
Dredging through the Army Corps of Engineers could lead to a cruise ship-related issue because it would be brought to a federal level.
The committee discussed the pros and cons of dredging and relocating the mooring field to potentially increase efficiency.

V. Harbor Projects Update
New piers at Manset had surveyors droning and drafting the ideas for the new pier project, along with mapping out the old pier simultaneously.
$1.5 million has been designated for renovation of the old pier.
FEMA Projects is 95% complete, and the hoist should be up and running within a few weeks.
Shipgrant floats update: most all materials are in, and progress is being made.
Parking kiosks are being activated.

VI. Harbor Master Report
Online mooring is down to 35 underpaid renewals and is subject to late fees. HM is waiting on proper wording to use.
Commercial fishermen are down to 4-5 left
Transients are slowing down
87 “unique stays,” which is an increase since last week.
Manset portapotties are having issues with the paper being refilled.

Pogie boat broke free and was spotted by the harbormaster and was successfully saved and relocated to one of Al's other moorings.
Accident in the Hinckley mooring field.
The mooring ball identification project has begun with the use of the stickers.

VII. Lobster Cars/ Floats
Looking for better definitions for the lobster cars to better organize and catalog the floats as far as size and visibility goes to have a more official understanding, along with a better/safer requirement.
Discussion of the removal of derelict floats to be discussed and to review the floats and lobster cars in a similar manner as the moorings.

VIII. No Wake Zones
Discussion of increasing the no-wake zone to also encompass the thoroughfare between Clark Point and Greenings to be revisited and expanded for next season

IX. Multi-mooring Owners
HM handed out a list of all the multi-mooring owners and followed with the committee going through the list and discussing the usage of moorings and the waiting list. The idea of the fishermen not to give up their moorings but to instead register them with the ARMY Corps to be able to rent them out.

There were several ideas thrown around such as specifying the list of multi-mooring into sublists such as ARMY Corps, in harbor vs out of harbor, maybe making a list of mooring owners that would be willing to rent a mooring to help alleviate the wait list.

X. Mooring Wait List Review
Reviewed and lightly discussed. Due to the number of members, this will be discussed again in more depth with more members present.

XI. Camera Update
Upper town dock camera pole is leaning and needs to be corrected to improve signal and connection. Lower town dock
High-res manset camera is not yet installed

XII. Comments from the Committee
No comments from the committee.

XIII. Suggestions for Next Meeting
Lobster cars and floats, along with mooring and no-wake zone to be revisited

XIV. Adjournment
Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Billy
Vote passed (6:0)