

Harbor Management and Improvement Committee

Minutes of Meeting
February 8, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

Attending: Nick Carter, Chair; David Reiley; Al Hutchins; Ellery Brown; Maynard Bray; Mike Sherman; Jon Wilson; David Tarr; Dave Persson, Bill Mayher; Brian Larkin, Eli Baird, Matt Dallett, Secretary

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2024, were approved.

Nick reported on the Committee's February 2nd evaluation visit to the Duck Cove landing, where the Town owns two woodlots off Gaffney Lane, conducted by David Tarr, Nick, and Matt. Nick described the site and its historical use, primarily by clambers and birdwatchers. There was an extended discussion regarding the Town's and the public's rights to access the property via the private lane, maintenance of the lane, the feasibility of creating parking, and neighborhood considerations. It was the sense of the meeting that David Reiley should consult with counsel on some of the issues raised.

Matt recommended that the Committee begin maintaining records of its evaluations of landings to document its work and facilitate reporting to the Town. He distributed a draft form for the purpose and asked for suggestions.

Al reported on the Committee's January 22 visit to the site of the proposed dinghy dock at Naskeag Point, where members had measured the depth at extreme low tide and scoped out the orientation of the dock. There was an extended discussion during which numerous questions were raised and suggestions made about usage of the dock, including regarding eligibility, the method and locations of mooring, rules for usage, identification of boat owners, and enforcement. Nick produced a draft of signage for the dock, which was considered and will be modified based on the discussion.

At Nick's suggestion, it was agreed that the next site evaluation will be of Bridge's Point, by Nick, Al, Jon, and Brian. There was a brief discussion of the launching ramp construction to be done there.

The next Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14. Then, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Dallett, Secretary