

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Harbor Master:
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Harbor Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 11, 2023
5:00 pm

Motion to open meeting at 5:04 by Joe Lunt, seconded by Dan DeBord. **Motion passed**

- I. Approval of Minutes from 09/04/23 - Joe Lunt motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Danny Saxby. **Motion passed**
- II. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of Existing Town Dock, Float, and Harbor Ordinance - Harbor Committee and those in attendance at the meeting reviewed the existing Dock, Float, and Harbor Ordinance and had no changes to suggest we make at this point. Harbor committee discussed and agreed that focus at this point should be on following the ordinance as currently exists, which the town has largely not enforced lately. Dan has prepared a cleaned-up copy of the mooring permit application, and the harbor committee will try to work towards requiring mooring permit applications to be filed and mooring fees paid annually in future years. Harbor Committee also has the goal of working alongside the Select Board to enforce provisions of the ordinance as written and considering whether any ordinance updates need to be made soon.
- III. New Business
 - a. Coordination with Army Corps for Future Dredging – Update is still that the Army Corps dredging status is on hold until the federal government approves the coming fiscal year budget, which currently contains a Congressionally Directed Spending request from Senator Collins office for funding to dredge Lunt Harbor. The harbor committee will wait until the budget with this request included passes before returning to engage in the dredge conversation with Army Corps, Select Board, and Municipal Advisory Council since no progress can be made until that budget approval designates funds for the project.
 - b. Mooring Inventory and New Mooring Approval Strategy
Discussion at length about current mooring approval process, who gets what moorings, why, how, and where they should be. Consideration of whether the Harbor Committee and



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Harbor Master should maintain a 'first come first serve' waiting list of those desiring a new mooring and whether moorings that are left unused or unmaintained (along with no future mooring permit fee) should be removed and space be given to a new user from a waiting list. At this point no decisions made on this subject but the Harbor Committee will continue discussions and working towards a best resolution for the community at large.

Discussion also held of the outdated existing mooring owner and location map. The committee will work to update this map in the coming year.

IV. Set Next Meeting – No meeting set at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Danny Saxby, seconded by Paul Saxby. **Motion passed**

