

Town of Harpswell **HARBOR PLANNING FORUM**

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Forum Overview

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review**
- **Issue Identification Discussion**
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Review

- **Forum 1 Discussion**
- **Inventory Process**
- **GIS Maps**

Issues Identification

- **218 Miles of Coastline**
- **Mooring Management**
- **Management and Use of Main Harbors**
- **Public Access**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **Education**
- **Recreational Boating/Boat Building**
- **Commercial Fishing**
- **Ordinance Updates**
- **Water Quality**

Issue 1 – 218 Miles of Coast

- **Issue: understanding the different characteristics of the waterfront in Town**
- **Action: Develop classification system to describe the coastline**
- **Action: Make needed changes to ordinance**

Original Harbor Areas

- Long Island Sound
- Dingley Cove
- Cundy's Harbor
- Ridley Cove
- Brickyard Cove
- Orr's Cove
- Card Cove
- Mill Cove
- The Goslings
- Mitchell Field
- Lookout Point
- Potts Harbor
- Orr's Baily Yacht Club
- Garrison Cove
- Mackerel Cove

Waters Classification Types

- **Type 1 Waters – Lower Intensity Use Areas**
 - areas with high scenic value and low intensity residential uses.
- **Type 2 Waters – Multi-purpose Waters**
 - This classification of water includes large expanses of the Harpswell coast. It supports a variety of commercial and recreational activities.
- **Type 3 Waters – High Intensity Boating**
 - These waters are characterized by higher densities of boating activity.
- **Type 4 Waters – Commercial and Recreational Harbors**
 - Traditional Harbors

Issue 2 - Mooring Management

- **Issue: There are over 2500 moorings throughout Town**
- **Issue: Demand is expected to grow**
 - Allocation of space is critical in type waters 3 and 4 waters
- **Action: Develop criteria for growth in mooring fields**

Issue 3 - Main Harbors

- **4 main harbors**
 - Potts Harbor
 - Mackerel Cove
 - Cundy's Harbor
 - Garrison Cove/OBYC
- **Issue: Main harbors have unique needs for space, space, shore side support, storage, etc.**
- **Action: Develop specific Harbor Plan for each area**
 - mooring field layouts, land use policy, access needs...

Issue 4 - Public Access

- **Issue: large number of public access points**
- **Issue: High demand on existing access points**
- **Issue: Limited space for parking**
- **Action: Develop a public access point inventory**
 - condition of each, demand on each
 - Define various levels of public access
- **Action: Plan for repair/maintenance funding**

Issue 5 - Risk Assessment

- **Issue:** Growth in mooring fields, docks, piers, has creates possibility of loss or damage from natural hazards (storms, flooding, etc)
- **Action:** Assessment to help in understanding risks associated with future growth from piers/floats, mooring areas, etc.

Issue 6 - Education

- **Issue: No coordinated educational efforts**
- **Action: Develop boaters safety programs**
- **Action: Work with other committees on educational efforts (water quality, etc)**

Issue 7 – Rec Boating/Boat Building

- **Issue: Not a thorough understanding of Recreational Boating/Boat Building value to Town**
- **Issue: Conflicts between recreational boating and commercial fishing**
- **Action: conduct recreational boating study**
- **Action: Identify conflict areas**

Issue 8 – Commercial Fishing

- **Issue: Access to important shellfish areas**
- **Issue: Increase in aquaculture lease application**
- **Action: map high value fishing areas**
- **Action: Update commercial fishing study**
- **Action: work with other committees on ways to protect important shell fish areas**

Issue 9 – Ordinance Updates

- **Issue: aspects of the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance need updates**
- **Action: Develop list of minor ordinance amendments**
- **Action: Work on substantive amendments and public education process**

Issue 10 – Water Quality

- **Overall Goal: Protecting public health and shell fishing areas**
- **Action: Support other committee work**
- **Action: Identify areas in town where additional pump out facilities are needed**
- **Action: identify areas where increase in waterfront activities would be detrimental to boating activities.**

Next Steps

- **Finalize Issues**
- **Develop Harbor Specific Goals**
- **Continue Public Process**

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