

Harbor Management Planning Forum # 2

On July 20, the Harbor and Waterfront Committee and Harbormaster will be holding Forum # 2 at the Town Office at 7:00 PM to continue the Harbor Management Planning process. Progress made so far for the development of a Harbor Management Plan will be presented to all Harpswell taxpayers. We invite you to attend and would very much appreciate your feedback and insights.

Harpswell is blessed with 216 miles of shore frontage and multiple access points to the water which allows many of us to take advantage of this resource to make our livelihood and to enjoy its natural beauty.

Over the past several months the Committee has been working diligently on developing a plan to define specific goals and objectives for harbor planning which can be developed over the next several years. The committee has reviewed maps/charts and has discussed in detail the needs and characteristics of our waterfront and harbor areas. We reviewed existing harbor classifications and discussed harbor growth in several areas of town.

From these discussions we have completed a preliminary inventory of our waterfront that focuses on mooring management, anchorages, public access points, water and environmental quality issues, and the relationships between commercial fishing, aquaculture, shellfish harvesting, boat building, and recreational boating.

Taking care of Harpswell's 216 miles of coastline and multiple harbors are certainly a challenge and something we can all take part in. We look forward to meeting with you on July 20st at 7:00 PM. at the Harpswell Town Office

Jim Hays
Harbormaster