

River Committee Meeting 3/7/23

In Attendance: Jamie Houtz, Bob Danzilo, Justin Troiano, (Applying for membership), Susan Inuoue, Reiner Nieuwkirk, Andrew Goulden (Applying for membership)

6:45pm Meeting commences

Discussion was had as to new roles of the River Committee. Bob Danzilo is Acting Chair for the time being. Having lost many of our members over the last 6 months, we discussed possible new members for the committee and approaching them.

At present, there are only a few members on the River Committee, They are Bob Danzilo, Rienier Nieuwkirk, Susan Inuoue,

Rich Woodman Resigned

Mark Sutton Resigned

Jack Jensen dropped out our to Health Reasons

Charles Parker's term ended and he did not renew

So there are (2) openings for Kennebunkport and (2) openings for Kennebunk

We also discussed the parameters of the rules of membership concerning residential location. It is currently (3) members from Kennebunk, (3) members from Kennebunkport and (1) from Arundel. That being said, the general consensus was that the only requirement should be a serious interest in the river either commercially or recreationally. In other words, having a fishing boat , tour boat or other business on the river or a recreational boat using the river.

Also discussed the dire need of dredging in the river which will take come money commitments, either from the town or from grant money as well as a bit of political pull.

7:05 Report from harbormaster Jamie Houtz about the new Rib boat ordered by the town. According to the manufacturers, the boat is ahead of schedule. Jamie

needs to inspect said boat before the following payment will be paid. Should be ready for season.

Also discussed was the little skiff that we will use to patrol the upper river during high tides to make sure that speed limits and responsible use on the river is enforced. We will approach lifeguards to man this boat and fulfill job description as set down by Harbormaster. New No Wake signs and postings will also be installed in problem area.

7:25 We reviewed mooring classifications, recreational, commercial and riparian (people with 100 ft of waterline property). One mooring has been set aside as a repair buoy with one of the marinas.

Currently we have 26 commercial moorings and 37 recreational.

7:35 The floor was opened to discuss surveillance cameras at Government Wharf.

Mr. Nieuwkirk was against outside surveillance cameras but thinks indoor cameras would be useful because of problems with bait stealing.

It was decided to approach Chris Welsh, Chair of the Wharf Committee to approach his fellow lobstermen and get an idea as to their vote on this issue.

The subject of fore and aft mooring on the river will be tabled at the next meeting.

7:55 Meeting adjourned