

Kennebunk River Committee meeting minutes

Meeting Date: August 16, 2022

Members present:

- Richard Woodman
- Jack Jensen
- Robert Danzillo
- Reinier Nieuwkerk
- Susan Inoue
- Mark Sutton

Also present: Harbormaster (“HM”) Jamie Houtz

Kennebunk River landowners’ concerns regarding boat speed

1. Most of this meeting was the River Committee listening to the on-going concerns of landowners, mostly those who own upriver by the basin and golf course and beyond towards Durrell’s Bridge. A few owners were from Gooch’s Creek, as well.
 - The owners spoke of boats that were exceeding the no wake/5 MPH speed limit on the river.
 - One major issue was safety-related. The speeding boats are a potential danger to kayakers and stand-up paddle boarders in the river; plus
 - The owners felt that the speeding boats were largely contributing to the erosion of the river banks on their properties.
 - The owners would like more signs to be installed along the river, such as “no-wake,” and “slow down.”
 - The owners would also like Harbormaster Houtz to have an increased patrol presence on that end of the river.

Because of the length and quality of this discussion, the meeting was adjourned soon after.