

## River Committee Meeting November 15, 2022

### Minutes

**Attending:** Marc Sutton, Donnie Romine, Bob Danzilo Jack Jensen Jamie Houtz

7:00: Meeting Commences

- 1) First order of business was the discussion of dredging and where we are in relation to Federal dredging done by the government and private dredging planned for Arundel Yacht club, Kennebunkport Marina/Yachtsman and the River Club.  
In terms of the contaminate issue that lie in the river bed, it might behoove the three parties to share their data in this respect. These dredging operations would be privately financed and planned.

There was a discussion of the pressing need to get the mooring basin dredged which would be done by the Army Corp. of Engineers. This in the past has needed some political clout and pressure to accomplish.

We need to figure out a procedure moving forward to this goal.

- 7:30 2) Moorings were the next topic. We have at present come 64 moorings and 25 of them commercial. 4 are currently open. Numbers 12 and 28, 1 transient and 1 unknown. Also, we discussed recent mooring applications, recreational upriver mooring from Cynthia Greene, Oak Street, approved 2019 and commercial/riparian, requests from Kennebunkport Marina.

We discussed a recommendation from Jamie that we should have mandatory inspections every other year and during that second year each mooring holder would self inspect to the satisfaction of the harbormaster. We haven't voted on it, just discussed it. Also, maintain a data base of dimensional requirements of ground and mooring tackle, so that everyone is on the same page as to gear and safety.

- 8:00 3) We discussed the up river signage and patrolling issues and our harbormaster has made a proposal as to the cost of putting a part time harbormaster to help with the patrolling, signage and a small vessel for this use. Nothing voted on just discussed.

- 8:10 4) Discussed the role of the River Committee going forward. Don Romine suggested that we submit a charter for the reason and purpose of the River Committee which would define in black and white what the River Committee can and cannot do. We are primarily a suggestion and recommendation arm that can submit ideas and recommendations to the town councils on things pertaining to the well being, safety and enjoyment of our river. We also discussed adding new members to fill out our openings. Currently, we need two more people on the Kennebunk side. One regular and one alternate. We discussed that Bob Danzilo would be temporary chair until we can vote on it and Bob and Donnie Romine will work on the new Charter for the River Committee.

8:15 Meeting adjourned.