

Kennebunk River Committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: July 20, 2021

Member present:

- **Charlie Barker**
- **Rich Woodman**
- **Jack Jensen**
- **Bob Danzillo**
- **Mark Sutton**

Members absent:

- **Susan Inoue**

Also present: Harbormaster ("HM") Jamie Houtz

1. Introduction of new harbormaster

Jamie Houtz was introduced to the Committee, as this was the first in-person meeting since Covid-19 started.

2. Discussion of size limits of transient vessels in the Locally Designated Channel

There was lately an incident at Demillo's Marina, whereby a larger transient boat had trouble entering/exiting/docking at the marina. There was no related damage from this incident. However, this type of conduct could potentially lead to danger in the form of these large boats hitting other boats or endangering kayakers on the river.

A management team from Demillos came to the meeting and felt that this was an isolated incident, and the result of an inexperienced captain of the large transient vessel. They do have an 85-foot limit to the boats that they accept at Demillos.

The management team is going to work on a plan to increase safety and communication between them and boat captains, and report to the committee at the next meeting in August.

3. Harbormaster report

- **There was incident "up river" near the golf course, where younger adults were boating and pulling each other on kneeboards and tubes. A neighbor complained about their speed and wake created. Harbormaster Houtz talked with them about slowing down.**

The "kids" felt that they were not creating any danger to anyone nor erosion to the area. The committee told them to work on a plan and proposal, to present to the

committee and town, requesting some designated time and areas that they might have this fun “legally.”

- ***Moorings and Inspection continue on the river and Harbormaster Houtz and Bob Williamson went out and assessed the situation. Some moorings are not in great shape and a few are lost. Harbormaster Houtz suggests a private inspection of all moorings every two (2) years. The committee informally agreed.***
- ***Jetty repairs update: HM Houtz reports that the repairing company progresses with a plan to start. They do need a few spots to dock their work/service boats when they are working. HM Houtz to work that out with them.***
- ***Dredge: HM Houtz e-mailed the Army Corp of Engineers with the intention of “getting the ball rolling” on a needed dredge on parts of the river.***