

Kennebunk River Committee Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2019

Members present: Rick Roberts, Charlie Barker, Jack Jensen, Reinier Nieuwkerk, Rich Woodman, Susan Inoue, Bob Danzilo, HM Jim Black

Members absent: Mark Sutton

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rick Roberts

Old business

- None

New business

- Harbormaster Report and Updates

HM Black reported the current state of the mooring field. HM Black said there are still 2 vessels on mooring. He has contacted the vessel owners and was told both will be removed from mooring field within the week. HM Black will follow up on this situation. All recreational vessels are to be removed from their moorings before November 15th.

HM Black reported two moorings were damaged by Prock during a private dredging in winter 2018-2019. The mooring blocks could not be raised by the mooring barge requiring divers to inspect the moorings.

HM Black reports the mooring barge needs an overhauling of the hydraulic system and a new outboard motor. HM Black was asked if he sought professional advice on the overhaul needs. HM Black said yes. Brian Raymond from Performance Marine was consulted.

HM Black reported the HM workboat needs to be replaced. The workboat needs major repairs and may not be worth putting any money into it. Some members of the Committee have seen the workboat and had similar thoughts. The Committee discussed if a workboat was necessary for the HM to keep the river free from debris. It is the land owners responsibility to remove trees that have fallen into the river and not the towns or Harbormaster. The HM's responsibility is the keep the channel free of debris, not large, oversized trees that land owners fail to care for.

HM Black reports the HM Zociac vessel needs a new water pump and discussed the need between now and 2025 to replace the inflatable pontoons on the vessel or replace the entire vessel. HM Black reports a maintenance dredging at the mouth of the river and into the jetty will take place between December 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. HM Black will inform the Commercial Fishing fleet of this dredging and help to find an anchorage position in the river for the dredging barge during the process. HM Black will ask if a few "bumps" further north on the river can be dredged while the barge is in the river.

- No other Business - Vote to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

- Next meeting: December 17, 2019 /7:00 PM / Kennebunk Town Hall.