

## Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 10, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:03am. Adjourned at 10:14am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill

### Actions Taken:

**Motion to approve minutes of June meeting. All in favor.**

**Motion to approve minutes of July meeting. All in favor.**

**Motion to add that dogs must be under the control of owners to the list of landing rules. All in favor.**

**Motion to adjourn at 10:14. All in favor.**

### Discussion:

Hal: Blue Hill Heritage Trust will be removing invasive plants at the Mill Pond outlet at 9am 9/18.

John Kimball:

Received complaints about the behavior of unleashed dogs at the landing.

Responded that Maine statute requires dogs be under the control of owners and that the sheriff's department, the state police or the local animal control officer is responsible for enforcement.

We should discuss having a leash rule at the facility.

Enforcement is the issue. The sheriff's department has the authority to enforce state law which does not require a leash. Would have to check to see if the local animal control officer would be able to enforce a leash rule.

JK: Inland Harbor Master may have the authority to enforce this kind of requirement.

Don Hill: Would hours of operation help to alleviate the problems of enforcement when no one's there?

Ben: Should consult MMA about issuing a leash requirement.

JK: Should at the least add the requirement that dogs be under the control of owners.

Ben: Paul Carter is going to send the roadside mower down the access road and will put it on the list for yearly maintenance. Jason Lepper has offered to haul out the

brush related to the downed trees at the beach this winter when he can haul it out on the ice.

Don Hill: Scott Williams survey of algae showed an improvement over years past and noted that maintaining water levels in the face of drought conditions and climate change is complicated and has risks.

FOWP is willing to spend up to \$2000 to remove the tree limbs collected at the beaver dam site.

JK: State said they'd take care of the beaver building a dam under the bridge, but we don't know if the state is taking that action. Suggested to Marilyn that she call DOT.

JK: Permits for events needs to be written up as per the minutes from June.

Ben will create the permit for events. Should have the permits available at both town offices.

Don Hill: Aug 23 at Bagaduce Music Lending Library: Panel discussion about the Bagaduce watershed.