Harbors Committee Charge

Committee Purpose

The Town of Cape Elizabeth last conducted a major review of its harbors in the late 1980's with nearly 30 years having passed since the last review of how our coastal water resources are serving our fishing, aquaculture and recreational boating needs, it is an opportune time to review issues relating to our harbors.

The committee shall:

- Review the Town's Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance and recommend any changes it deems desirable to the town council.
- Meet with state officials to determine options for boat access in the Kettle Cove/Crescent Beach State Park area and develop a long range plan for access.
- Update the maps utilized by the harbormaster showing potential locations for moorings.
- Inventory public water access.
- Consider such other related matters as the town council may request.

Committee Structure

The Harbors Committee shall consist of five persons. Two members shall be members of the town council chosen by the council. The town council, following a recommendation from the appointments committee, shall appoint three citizens. The committee shall appoint its own chair.

Committee Resources

Funds for the committee's work in the amount of \$15,000 are hereby appropriated from the unassigned fund balance. This shall fund a consultant to work with the committee who has expertise in issues relating to municipal harbors and boat access and shall fund expenses for mapping.

Committee Timeline

The committee shall first meet after January 2017 after appointments have been completed. The committee will complete its work with a report to the Town Council by December 31, 2017.