FRIENDS OF BARNSTABLE HARBOR

Annual Meeting 2022

Friday December 16th 4:00, Zoom

Present: Mark Begley, Jon Brink, Caroline Coggeshall, Deirdre Detjens, Peter Eleftherakis, Rick Floyd, Robert Frazee, Jack Hill, Jeb Handy, Scott Hempstead, Brit Lay, John Littlefield, Susie Littlefield, Coleen Mason, Joe Nastasi, Cy Nelson, Avery Revere, Ed Robinson, Craig Schelter (19 Total)

President Jon Brink thanked all for joining, noted that a quorum was established. Proxy's Board List read; motion to accept, Vote unanimously in favor.

Annual Meeting Minutes 2021: Move to dispense with reading the minutes approved; minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Coleen Mason reported $17,000 in bank; $500 in donations the past month; 2021 taxes paid. Motion to accept report, report approved.

Message from the President: Jon expressed gratitude for help and support from Board, Nominating Committee and Avery. Reviewed history of assembly to help with bulkhead; more recent accomplishments include Benthic Mapping project (base information for future plans). Post Covid, what do we want to do? Jon and Avery met with Harbormaster Brian Taylor and Assistant Jay Horn yesterday – reviewed concerns, including aquaculture traffic, opened a conversation and potential for cooperation.

Goal to grow membership; redefine who we are. Read pulse of community, take small steps. Plans for future presentations, including Mark Borelli about the scope, purpose, species encountered in the mapping project.

Directors' role discussed. By-laws state that Directors participate on committees; plan to circulate by-laws and committee lists, discuss which are important, find your fit. January meeting will focus on reviewing committees, attracting participation, further working on education and a workshop for children.

2023 Events, Future Directions: Peter described effort to schedule other harbor-related presentations. Susie suggested more harbor stories, perhaps shared with newspapers. Suggestions: include Tim Coggeshall, Ken Morton, Tom Vetorino, Herb Lovell, Tysto Ranta, Rich French, Crocker Sandy Neck Chowder House, the Summer Camp, rum running (Maritime Museum had an exhibit a few years ago), Sean Cummings? Ecologists?? Coastal Bird person? Jim Ellis did a program with Dave Crocker 15 years ago - was it recorded at Tales and if so, could it be added to our Website? Customs House connection with Coast Guard Museum mentioned; suggestions made to connect with Tales, Barnstable Historical Society, Long Pasture. Create a committee to focus on increasing outreach. Committee to focus on that. We could be the clearinghouse, not the experts…. create a podcast?   Avery explained that there is always room to add different perspectives to stories.

Avery is the village's representative to the town's comprehensive planning committee (LCP). She mentioned a survey coming in the mail, requested any thoughts in an effort to ensure that harbor concerns are addressed. Discussion of village's relationship to the harbor: Friends have worked in marsh

area behind the village; eradication of phragmites, etc. A proposed boardwalk met resistance from private landowners. There is some county property, from Ellis's to settling ponds.   DJ: discussion of phragmites at some point. Apparently, it is a significant source of carbon sequestering and may have an important role in buffering storms. Program suggested; to be discussed at next Director's meeting.

Bob Frazee asked if sea level rise is an issue that we ought to be thinking about? Affecting the waterfront now, may soon affect Main Street. Avery mentions that LCP includes mindfulness of sea level rise, but is there a retreat plan? Could Old Jail become center of village? Frisbee's former building would be a great place for a "kiosk" for FBH.

Next Director's Meeting: January 17th 6:00. Zoom. Look at website beforehand. Suggestion made to advertise meetings more widely, open up to non-board members. Noted that the number of people joining today is heartening, after a slow several years.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58

Respectively submitted,

Susie Littlefield, Secretary