

## HARPSWELL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (HBA)

Purpose: A group of concerned community members organized for the purpose of Business, Planning, Support, Promotion, and Development within the town of Harpswell, Maine. As well as promoting the Town's unique attributes with a goal of strengthening the community economically, socially and culturally.

April 10, 2013

Dolphin Restaurant & Marina

Present: Dick Mosley, Harpswell Inn; Donna McNelly, Sea Escape Cottages, Tevake Sailing Charters; Alison Prince, Salt Cod Café; Roy Tassinari, Maine Tourism; Mary Tassinari, Bellevue by the Sea B&B; Gail Kass, Ash Cove Pottery; Dan McMahon, Shepard Financial; Condon & Georgeann Kuhl, Gallery at Widgeon Cove; Tom Ring, Atlantic Seal Cruises; Deb Wolfenden, Common Table B&B & Event Ctr; Barry Crommett, Barbarian III Charters; Nancy Barton, Nance's Seafood Shanty; Bethany McNelly-Davis & Perry Davis, Tevake Sailing Charters(Schooner Alert)& Sea Escape Cottages; Jack Deislinger, Ark II Charters; Melinda & Chuck Richter, Island Candy Co.; Shawn Hyde, Hyde's Landscaping; Billy & Chris Saxton, Dolphin Restaurant & Marina

6:60 Meet & greet

7:10 pm Call to order

Welcome by President Dick Mosley

- Purpose of HBA read
- Personal introduction by those present

Speakers:

- Nancy Barton, new member, of Nance's Seafood Shack gave overview of her business
- Captain Perry Davis shared pictures and information on his & Bethany's newly purchased Schooner Alert. Working hard on Coast Guard Inspection for ability to carry possibly up to 30 passengers starting this summer. Plans scheduled trips. The Tevake will also be available for private charters (up to 6 passengers) as they have done for the past 6 years
- General information
  - Both the State of Maine and Federal non-profit filings have been completed and returned
  - Botanical Gardens in Boothbay has requested HBA maps.
  - There is an opportunity for a co-op Down East ad with Downtown Brunswick Also Portland Magazine
  - HBA News letter has been started by Gail Kass
  - The Federal signage for 295 has been killed, there are many local directional signs going up in town indicating community and distance

- Gina Perow of Harpswell Rec has had many trail guides printed that can be picked up at Town Hall. Her question was whether historical sites could be included. General consensus is that they must be town owned.
- March 27 business to business was attended by Dick M and John H. Harpswell Inn (Sullivan Chiropractic), Cook's Lobster House (Burgess Computer), and Tile from Away (Scott Burns Electric) provided raffle prizes won by those listed in parentheses.
- Donna Dillman was recognized for her service on the board
- Board of Directors Reports
  - Dick Mosley, President
    - Welcomed 9 new members
    - Some members have not yet paid their dues this jeopardizes their ability to be listed on the map.
  - Deb Wolfenden, Treasurer
    - Treasurer's Report presented 3/28/13 balance \$4066.62
    - Moved, seconded, and passed to accept the treasurers report
  - Donna McNelly, Secretary
    - Minutes of March 13 Annual Meeting we distributed and review
    - Moved, seconded, and passed to accept minutes of last meeting
  - Gail Kass, Marketing
    - Continuing work is being done with the Town of Harpswell Economic Development Committee Final draft is done awaiting action
    - Ongoing planning with town for ATM at Town Hall which is part of the Economic Dev. Everyone at the meeting approved of having ATM in Harpswell.
    - Poster is in Train Station-make sure your bring your brochures for rack
    - Card rack is available for brochures in Town Hall. The rack size is 4"x9"
    - Gear Grab April 20 starting point Dolphin (Shore cleanup)
  - Roy Tassinari , Maine State Tourism
    - The State is discussing cutting tourism money from the budget
    - Ray will keep us updated
  - John Halpin, Vice President, Southern Maine Midcoast Chamber of Commerce (SMMCC) liaison   Absent
  - Doug Bane   At Large Absent
  - Alison Prince At Large Reported that June 22 Harpswell food purveyors have been invited to participate in "Taste of Brunswick" on the village green. There is an application fee. She participated a couple of years ago and found it well worth her while. Contact Brunswick Downtown
  - Dan MacMahon At Large
- Old Business:
  - The map committee has begun work on the 2013 Map. Goal is to have it to the printers by May 1.

- **Please check your listing on HBA web site for additions or corrections**
- HBA and the Town of Harpswell will be hosting the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce After Hours on June 26 at the Orr's Bailey Yacht Club. Munchies will be solicited from member food providers. More to come. If interested in being part of the planning committee please contact Dick Moseley 833-5509 or Donna McNelly 833-5531
- New Business:
  - The BOD is suggesting a **CELEBRATE SUMMER** that will include, but not be limited to, July 5 fireworks and all that goes with that, lobster boat races, fishing tournament, concerts any church or fire barn suppers, open houses in all communities. All events happening along 123, 24, and Cundy's Harbor Rd. Lets give residents and visitors something to do in Harpswell every week if we can. If you know of something happening, or know someone who would know, get the information to Gail (See below)
  - Get any information re: **CELEBRATE SUMMER Events for 2013 printed poster to Gail Kass ASAP. [gail@ashcovepottery.com](mailto:gail@ashcovepottery.com)**
  - The BOD in their meeting had proposed a by-laws change. Moved, seconded, & passed to be tabled until May meeting
  - John Halprin sent resignation request to be acted upon. Moved, seconded, & passed to be tabled until May meeting.

8:10 pm Adjourn

**Next Directors Meeting: May 1 6:30 pm**

**Next Membership Meeting: May 8, 6:30 Meet & Greet 7pm Meeting Sea Escape Cottages**

Submitted by Donna McNelly, Secretary