

Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission

The Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) was formed in 2014 to oversee the implementation of the Harbor Management Plan; develop and present recommendations to the Town Council on the usage of the coastline, anchorages, moorings, and related town-owned property.

Regular Meetings

- 6 p.m.
- 4th Wednesday of every month
- Minutes
- Upcoming Meetings
- Harbormaster Report
- Coastal Resource Manager Update
- Legislative Updates

RCWC members are appointed by the Town Council and consists of:

- 1 Commercial Representative
- 1 Member from the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee
- 1 Member from the Conservation Commission
- 1 Member from the Parks and Recreation Commission
- 3 Citizen Representatives

Staff

- Harbor Master Dan Sylvain
- Coastal Resources Manager Dan Devereaux
- Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission PDF

- 2002 State of New Meadows (PDF)
- 2007 MPBL Cooperative Management Agreement (PDF)
- 2015 Adopted Harbor Regulations (PDF)
- Boat Launch Comps. (PDF)
- Brunswick Sea Level Rise Report (PDF)
- Citizens Guide of Coastal Laws
- Harbor Management Plan (PDF)
- Local Mooring Regulation and Suggested Industry Standards (PDF)
- Maquoit Bay Climate Adaptation Plan (PDF)
- MPBL Citizens Advisory Report (PDF)
- MPBL Eelgrass Mitigation Report (PDF)
- New Meadows Lake Modeling (PDF)
- Town of Brunswick Local Mooring Regulations (PDF)
- Typical Moorings Used in Brunswick Waters (PPT)

2014 - 2017

- February 2014: Town Council adopts HMP.
- March 2014: Town Council Establishes the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) as an advisory group to the Council.
- February 2015: Brunswick Town Council Amends Chapter 11 Marine Activities Structures and Ways, Article I Harbor, Coastal, Tidal and Navigable Fresh Waters Ordinance with recommendations set forth by the RCWC and the management plan. The additions codified the RCWC in Section 11-15.
- October 2015: Town Council adopts an annual mooring registration along with fees for all moorings in Brunswick Waters.
- February 2016: RCWC creates the 1st Brunswick Coastal Access Guide.
- 3 editions printed since.
- September 2016: Public Mooring Field Study Finalized.
- Study determined that a public mooring field is not feasible at that time.

2018-2022

- January 2018: RCWC Sent Request to Inland Fish and Wildlife to Complete Needed Maintenance at Wharton Point.
- October 2020: Discussion of Simpsons Point with Recreation Commission
- February 2021: Joint Meeting with Recreation Commission with Public Comments
- August 2021: Simpson's Point Citizens Advisory Committee, Summary Report on October 5, 2021, by the Brunswick Coastal Resource Office
- 2021: Airboat Sound Study Updates by Harbormaster Sylvain
- September 2021: Eelgrass Restoration and Conservation Mooring Funding from The Nature Conservancy in Maine
- 2022 Paul's Marina Pier Rehabilitation Project, Application Reviews
- 2023: Mare Brook Watershed Implementation Committee

Guest Speakers

- 2019 Pharmaceuticals in the Water by Dr. Corey Theberge
- 2019 Brunswick Zoning of Steep Slopes by Jared Woolston
- 2019 Sea Level Rise and Shorelines by Peter Slovinsky MGS
- 2020 Bay Scaping by Mary Cerulo and Sarah Lyman of Friends of Casco Bay
- 2022 Documenting Access Process by Emily Farr from Manomet

Future Focus

4th Edition Guide to Brunswick Rivers and Coastal Waters

Implementation/Strategies of Simpsons Point Rehabilitation

Identify Opportunities for Climate Resiliency, Climate Action Plan Participation

Pier and Dock Ordinance Follow Up

More Active Role in Coastal Conservation Easements

Initiate More Joint Committee Projects

Work With NGO/NPO/Town Staff to Identify Additional Access Sites

Comprehensive Plan Engagement

Working Waterfront Inventory Participation