

Town of Cushing Maine
Harbor Commission Minutes of June 28, 2026

Meeting set for Thursday July 23 2026, 6 pm did not have a Quorum

Proposed Agenda for Thursday August 27th attached below.

Present: Jason Ward, David Taylor, Nathan Dinces, Arthur Hutchinson,
Austin Donaghy – Harbormaster; Absent: Daniel Staples,

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- OWL device operated by Harbor Master, Austin Donaghy
- By hand noted Acting Sec Nathan Dinces and acting Chair Jason Ward

Meeting called to order 1800

1. Dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 28th due to the minutes not being available to all members.
2. Dave Taylor requested paper minutes be available prior to monthly meetings
3. Austin reported that the harbor Map is now available of on the town web site; although, it is not completely up-to-date with mooring identifications, this is a work in progress in which he is enlisting the aide of the long-time harbor mooring holders to help ID moorings that are abandoned longer than 2 years.
4. Discussion ensued on mooring ordinances and regulations
 - a. re-examine 6.1.a as it regulates number of moorings
 - b. re-examine float

Comments from citizen expressed interest in attending future meetings, and attention to detail, to ensure current mooring holders places are preserved and that no errors or omissions would cause the loss of mooring facilities to a permit holder who has been inactive for multiple years

5. Discussion on abandoned moorings, permit renewals, and 3-year window of non-use or permitting. Also, the need to remove abandoned moorings from the Inner harbor.

6. Barnacle Lane lot for the future Town Landing is scheduled for a closing on Tuesday, June 30th.
7. Two sums of \$25,000 each have been secured – one from the Maine Coastal Trust, and the other from the Maine Community Fund.
8. Public discussions and questions concerned moorings, their permitting and use, and the responsibility for abandoned floats and their disposal.
9. Public discussion about next steps on the Town Landing, access from Pleasant Point Road, the disposition of the Building? House on the property, the pier and its state of disrepair, as well as the process rules and guidelines to be proposed recommended and eventually adopted by the town in the process to be managed by the Harbor Committee. Citizens, Rhett Lamb recommended direct mail and town website postings to keep people informed by over communicating. John Olsen had some specific questions about preserving his mooring and his relative's Sam Olsen.

Meeting adjourned looking forward to an update on the property closing in the coming days.