

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Committee  
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner  
DATE: January 6, 2022  
SUBJECT: Great Pond Boat Racks 2019 Season Report

### Introduction

2021 is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of boat rack storage at Great Pond managed by the Town of Cape Elizabeth. The Boat Rack Program is operated on land owned by the Sprague Corporation in accordance with the terms of the easement granted to the Town of Cape Elizabeth. Below is a summary of this season's highlights.

### Boat Permit Issuance

Permits were again issued using a lottery system where 142 permit applications were submitted for 32 slots. A second drawing was held from the original pool of applicants when 3 lottery winners declined the permit. Permit holders continue to be from all parts of town.

### Periodic inspections

Staff inspected boat rack use on 6 dates during the season. After inspections on June 11<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 boats slots were empty. Staff contacted permit holders and 4 slots were released and reissued. Based on 6 inspections, all boat slots were used this season.

All boats must be removed from the racks by the first Saturday in December. Staff inspected the racks on December 13, 2021 to find 6 canoes on the racks. Permit holders were notified to immediately remove boats. All but 2 boats were removed. The remaining boats were likely placed by non-permit holders. Staff requested that the Public Works Department remove the boats in compliance with the terms of the easement. I received a call on January 6, 2022 from a canoe owner who had placed a boat on the racks in November and was directed to Public Works to retrieve his canoe.

### Conclusion

No changes to the program are recommended for the 2023 season.

2019 Season Permit holders

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