

HAC 2015 Annual Report

(1) Regarding Granite Pier, the HAC has been working with the Town's DPW. In January 2015 the DPW, utilizing \$5,500 which the HAC obtained from the Community Preservation Committee and approved at Town Meeting, entered into a contract with GZA Consulting to review and update a study performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1965. The study concerned the possible extension of Granite Pier to Gull Island, an extension of 600 feet to create an expanded harbor. GZA submitted its report in May 2015. In September 2014 the DPW submitted the report to the Corps of Engineers. At the same time Senator Tarr obtained \$20,000 of State funds toward further study. The Army Corps appointed a project manager and met with town and State officials in November 2015. The proposal does not yet have a federal funding number enabling the Army Corps to study further. That is in progress.

(2) Also regarding Granite Pier, the HAC supported a proposal from the Granite Pier Committee and Harbormasters to construct a staircase at Granite Pier from the lower level to the upper level. At the Fall 2015 Town Meeting the voters approved \$25,00 for detailed engineering plans to construct such a staircase.

(3) The HAC also continued normal business of reviewing trap and gear storage applications.

Respectfully Submitted, December 28, 2015
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