

Town of Brunswick, Maine
RIVERS & COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

Marko Melendy – Chair
Cory Theberge - Vice Chair

Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2026

6:00 PM

Town Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine

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HARBORMASTERS REPORT

COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGER REPORT

COMMISSIONER CORRESPONDENCE

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Elections – Chair – Vice Chair
2. Comprehensive Plan – Update- Staff
3. Harbor Management Plan – Update Discussion – Commission
4. Simpson Point Boat Launch – Construction Update -Staff
5. Free The Androscoggin River – Update - Jeff Bush

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY February 25 6:00 P.M

SEE AGENDA NOTES BELOW

Agenda Item 1 – Elections

The Chair and Vice Chair are elected at the first meeting of the new year, consistent with the Brunswick Municipal Code of Ordinances.

Agenda Item 2 – Comprehensive Plan Update

The Maine Office of Community Affairs has accepted the Brunswick Comprehensive Plan for state review. Following its local adoption on December 15, the plan has entered the State's statutory review process under [Chapter 208](#), with public and state agency comments due by February 11, 2026. The State's consistency determination is expected to be completed by March 5, 2026, after which the Town will become eligible to participate in State of Maine competitive grant programs.

Agenda Item 3 – Harbor Management Plan Update

It has been eleven years since the Town Council adopted Brunswick's Harbor Management Plan, and significant changes have occurred in that time. The town's coastal and riverine waters are experiencing increased pressure from shoreline and watershed development, much of it accelerating after 2020. Public use of these waters has expanded substantially, including recreational boating, fishing and hunting, guided tours, aquaculture, saltwater swimming, kite sports, and birding. The town has also seen a notable rise in the construction of private piers, docks, and shoreline stabilization projects—an area the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission has worked to address in the past. Environmental staff have noted that these trends are presenting additional environmental and water quality concerns, including increased stormwater runoff, shoreline alteration, habitat impacts, and cumulative effects on coastal water quality. These evolving uses and impacts, combined with pressures from gentrification and climate change, extend beyond the scope of the 2014 Harbor Management Plan.

Developing a more comprehensive [Coastal Waters Plan](#) would allow the Commission to identify current and emerging uses, address environmental and water quality concerns, and provide a coordinated framework to guide long-term management and investment in Brunswick's coastal waters.

Agenda Item 4 – Simpson Point Boat Launch Construction Update

Wyman and Simpson Construction has been awarded the contract and is expected to begin construction in mid-February, weather permitting. Once a start date is finalized, residents and the public will be notified through multiple communication channels. The contractor anticipates the need to close Simpson Point Road to all public vehicle and pedestrian traffic beyond the last driveway on Simpson Point Road (Ford's property) during construction. The project is expected to take approximately four to six weeks from start to completion. No modifications to the approved plan have been made to date, and all construction is anticipated to be completed well in advance of the summer season.

Agenda Item 5 – Free the Androscoggin River Update

Jeff Bush will update on any recent activity of the Free The Andro Coalition.