

## **Brooklin Blue Hill Bay Presentation**

6/6/2013 – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Albie Smith, Brooklin Select Board  
Deborah Brewster, Select Board  
Catherine Rees, Chair, Planning Board  
Pip Wick, PB  
Suzanne Grosh, PB  
Frank John, PB  
Jon Hopkins, PB  
Judy Jenkins, CEO

Jim Fisher delivered a slide presentation about the Blue Hill Bay Needs Assessment covering background, population and economy, fisheries, tourism, water quality, land-use and development. The session was very interactive with a wide range of issues being raised.

### Topics of Discussion

- Current aging population and population decline. Implications for land use, fisheries. Likelihood of a turnaround.
- Trends in fisheries, including lobsters, elvers, clams and ground fish
- Seasonality of employment opportunities in fisheries and tourism
- Land use impacts on water quality
- Water quality impacts on fisheries and quality of life
- Threats of invasive species

### Future Collaboration

- Interest in pump out station
- Interest in regional shellfish collaboration
- Interest in identifying and remediating land-based threats to water quality
  - Failed OBDs
  - Non-point runoff
    - Lawn chemical applications
    - Impermeable areas such as parking lots
    - Pet waste
    - Illegal dumping
- Interest in public access (I announced the upcoming HCPC workshop on public access)
- Zoning – tough sell, but attitudes need to be assessed