

# HANCOCK POINT PIER DAMAGE

Dear Community Members,

On December 23, 2022, Winter Storm Elliott wreaked havoc on Downeast Maine. High winds out of the southeast, big seas and astronomical high tides combined to pummel the coastline and leave thousands without power for days. Unfortunately, a section of the Hancock Point pier was damaged during the course of the storm.



The Hancock Point Village Improvement Society does not insure the pier and docks because insurance for this type of marine infrastructure is prohibitive. In essence, we self-insure and haven't had to solicit donations from the community to cover major damages for fourteen years.

The estimated cost to repair the pier is between \$18,000 and \$22,000. After reviewing proposals from a few contractors in the area, the HPVIS Board of Directors voted to hire Gatcomb-Grant Building to lift and rebuild the affected section and to build a new piling under the center of the span. The work will begin in April and be completed well before summer. We are grateful to Jill Gatcomb and Gary Grant for their willingness to take on this project and for the significant amount of work they have done on our pier in the past, much of it done as community service.

The Town of Hancock maintains a Wharf Fund account which can accept tax-deductible contributions (the HPVIS Wharf fund cannot). Consequently, we have made arrangements with the town to once again use this account to pay for the upcoming repairs.

This is a time for all of us to come together. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution at your earliest convenience. Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Hancock/Wharf Fund" and mailed to:

Town of Hancock  
P. O. Box 68  
Hancock, Maine 04640

Thank you for your support and I will be regularly updating the community on our fundraising progress. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

John Adelman, HPVIS Waterfront Committee Chair  
February 23, 2023