

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Working Waterfront Access Committee, Harbor Committee, Shellfish Conservation Committee

OCTOBER 19, 2022

MINUTES

Present: Ira Kelley, Chairman Working Waterfront Access Committee; D. Kraig Church, Working Waterfront Access Committee Member; Sidney Look, Working Waterfront Access Committee Member; Adam Stanwood, Working Waterfront Access Committee Member; John Church, Harbor Master; Harry Fish, Harbor Committee Member; Ernest Kelley Jr, Harbor Committee Member; Howard (Buddy) Mills, Harbor Committee Member; Kathy Killian, Selectmen's Assistant; and Elaine Abbott, Sunrise County Economic Council (Grant Administration); Chip Haskell, Haley Ward Project Engineer.

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM.

Minutes of September 21, 2022 Meeting: Minutes were distributed by e-mail to all committee members in advance of the October 19th meeting and given to all present on October 19th. No questions or corrections noted. Accepted as written.

Engineering Firm; Wetland Considerations:

- Chip Haskell of Haley Ward attended a site visit at Henry Point with Ira Kelley, Adam Stanwood, Harry Fish, John Church, and Kathy Killian on October 19, 2022 from 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM. (4 volunteers equals 5 hours).
 - Options for location possibilities for launch ramp(s) were reviewed and discussed, including participant's knowledge of tidal change, depth, ledge locations.
 - Wet Land areas were reviewed and permitting discussed. Kleinschmidt conceptual design of 2019 showed an area of shoreline filled for a parking lot which a representative from ME DEP has already commented would be nearly impossible to permit, and if possible, would likely be prohibitively expensive. A better option will be to explore the freshwater wetlands within the 'circle' of the road that loops through the property.
 - Permits for filling 15,000 square feet or more of wetland is the highest priced tier (Tier 3), and that is the tier that will likely apply to our project.
 - Compensating wetland option of the skating pond land appears, currently, to be the best suggestion.
 - Mr. Haskell understands that the engineering plan/site design is for phase 1 of the project although possibilities for future phases were discussed during the site visit so future phase options could still be possible upon completion of phase one.
 - An example is using the existing stone breakwater as the location for a drive-able pier. It will save on permitting costs, construction costs, and access from the parking lot should be considered in phase 1.
- Mr. Haskell also attended the Selectmen's Meeting at 4:00 PM to introduce himself, summarize the Henry Point site visit and discuss next steps with the Selectmen.
 - Engineering Plan/Site Design needs to begin with surveys of the Property Boundaries, Topography, and Natural Resources; he recommends waiting on Geotechnical Survey.
 - He explained wetland considerations based on his site visit observations and discussions during the site visit.

- Mr. Haskell's next step will be to prepare a draft contract in alignment with what he recommends for the first set of goals for the design of phase one. We requested that the initial scope and proposal be available on Wednesday October 26, 2022 (or before) for review by the committees and the Selectmen.

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- **The needs for Boundary, Topographic, and Natural Resource Surveys were discussed.**
- GIS Mapping and Resource Maps from the UMM GIS Lab that were done to supplement the town's Comprehensive Plan will be provided by Elaine Abbott.
- Mr. Haskell requested that the committee members take red markers to the 2019 Conceptual Design (Kleinschmidt Map) and get them to him.
- If the town can locate any surveys or dredging information from the Army Corps of Engineers, that should be forwarded to Chip.
- The CDS funds (if/when approved by Congress) are for improvements to Campground Road and the raising of elevation to avoid flooding. Paving was not included in the \$1.5M application because asphalt would be "chewed up" as further work continues. (E. Abbott clarified).
- Mentioned at all meetings – the design needs to be resilient to tidal flooding. Under a couple feet of water for a few hours during high tide/storms? We need to be able to clear off the rockweed and debris and move on.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Meeting Adjourned at 6:15. **(6 volunteers, 35 minutes equals 2.75 hours. Total volunteer time for 10/19/2022 is 7.75 hours).**