

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Working Waterfront Access Committee, Harbor Committee, Shellfish Conservation Committee

JANUARY 18, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: John Church, Harbor Master; Harry Fish, Harbor Committee Member; Elaine Abbott, SCEC & Planning Grant Admin; Kathy Killian, Assistant to the Selectmen; Guest: Cynthia Beauvais, Comprehensive Plan Committee Member

Minutes of November 2, 2022 Meeting: Ms. Killian advised that the minutes had been sent to all members for review on November 3, 2022. No comments or corrections were noted by members and the minutes were accepted by the members present.

Haley Ward Update:

- Fieldwork for Topographic, Boundary, and Site Survey and Natural Resources Delineation started the week of December 5, 2022 – completed. The base plan of the site was received from Chip Haskell of Haley Ward at 2:30 PM prior to the meeting. Mr. Haskell was invited to attend via the Zoom link but was not free to join on short notice.
- Wetlands – due to proximity to the ocean, the majority are considered Wetlands of Special Significance which limits what can be done. Under review by Haley Ward Team to consider options.
- Chip Haskell pushing to have concept completed during the week of January 16, 2023 but not expected by our meeting of January 18, 2023.
 - Next committee meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023; if pertinent information is received in advance of that date, the committee may call an earlier meeting in the interest of keeping the project moving forward as quickly as possible.
- It is expected that the project will be at the final design level in April 2023.
- Level of permitting needs to be determined to anticipate the projected length of reviews before any construction can begin.

Appraisal for Land for Maine's Future Award:

- Jesse Studley of Legacy Appraisal Services proposes appraising the entire 7 acre parcel rather than just the 3.64 acres that will become working waterfront.
- Laura Graham of Land for Maine's Future reviewed the original application and determined that Jesse's proposal was the original intent.
- If the entire 7 acres is appraised, the LMF covenant would apply to the entire parcel to be used in perpetuity for Working Waterfront AND Campground. The Covenant can be written to preserve the parcel for both uses.
- Killian will follow up with the appraiser to move forward with the contract for appraisal.

Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023:

- Our request for \$1,500,000 was approved in the FY2023 Omnibus Spending Act and has been signed into law by President Joe Biden. We will send a personal note of thanks to Senator Angus King and Senator Susan Collins.

- We can expect to receive more information and packets of paperwork to complete by mid to late February.

DMR Shore and Harbor Planning Grant:

- The mid-term report for the Shore and Harbor Planning Grant was due on January 15, 2023.
- Report completed by Ms. Killian, reviewed by Ms. Abbott and submitted on January 6, 2023. Copies available.

Additional Grant and funding sources were discussed. Killian will update the list of possible sources to be used as the project continues. Personal contact will be made with representatives of possible funding sources to let them know of our CDS award and the status of the project planning.

Dr. Tora Johnson of the UMM GIS Laboratory will be contacted about maps we receive from the Haley Ward Surveys to coordinate with information she may have or overlays she may be able to provide.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 PM, Adjourned at 6:15 PM (2 Volunteers, .75 hours equals 1.5 hours).