

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

JUNE 15, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: Ira Kelley, John Church, Harry Fish, Kathy Killian (Asst. to Selectboard), Elaine Abbott (SCEC) and Heron Weston (SCEC)

Minutes of April 19, 2023: Accepted as written and distributed to all members on April 28, 2023.

Haley Ward Update:

- Review of Henry Point Working Waterfront Permitting Proposal for recommendation to Selectboard; members present agreed that the Selectboard will be asked to sign the proposal dated May 9, 2023 when they can confirm that the terms of the October 26, 2022 proposal have been completed.
- Members present expressed dissatisfaction and concern that the concept plan, as discussed at the April 19, 2023 meeting, was not available for committee approval.
 - Estimated Fee for the Concept Design \$4,500.00. Currently overbudget on this line item as the first two plans presented needed additional work for appropriate entrance at Kelley Point Road, parking lot access road needed to move away from campsites, and parking lot needed to be moved to minimize the impact to the campground.
- The committee members, and DMR Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Administrator are requesting a Timeline from Haley Ward to reach completion of Task 9 – Final Design as indicated in Haley Ward’s July 31, 2022 response to the RFP for design and planning services:
 - Task 9 – Final Design - *“We will incorporate comments and feedback from the stakeholder meeting to build on the 60% plan and finalize our design. In this Task we will finalize the Construction Plans for use in permitting, bidding, and construction. The plans will include a proposed site plan, detail sheet(s) and will be complete with material specifications called out on the plans. We will also make revisions if necessary to the Opinion of Probable Cost and Permit List based on any adjustments to the design.”*
- The final concept plan is also needed to begin landowner negotiations to amend their deed to assure the right of way for the Campground Road is agreed upon and documented.
- The committee has questioned whether Henry Point Working Waterfront is a priority project in Haley Ward’s workplan.

Appraisal for Land for Maine's Future Award:

- The committee has voted to table action on the appraisal required for the Land for Maine's Future Award. There continue to be questions about 'buildability' on the parcel and whether the soils will support an approved septic system.

Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD – Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding):

- Ms. Killian reiterated the need for assistance in getting paperwork started and completed for the grant. A broad description of the project is needed and is available in the initial applications to Senator Collins and Senator King. Additional needs are a detailed description and proposed budget of how funds will be used.
- Final (agreed upon) concept plan is needed from Haley Ward to complete the detailed project plan and budget required by HUD.
- Jen Peters of SCEC advised that funding may be available soon (July or August 2023) for a Grant Coordinator that might be able to assist us in understanding and complying with the grant requirements.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities:

- 5/25/2023 meeting with Chris Mayo of MDOT, Elaine Abbott and Heron Weston was productive and informative. SHIP (Small Harbor Improvement Project) grants require a Letter of Intent to get the project on the MDOT radar. MDOT work plans are projected three (3) years out. Currently, SHIP grants can be awarded for a maximum of \$500,000 over a period of two (2) fiscal years with \$250,000 available each year.

Other:

- U.S. Supreme Court Ruling - Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:
 - In this case, a majority of Supreme Court justices decided Congress only intended for wetlands with a "continuous surface connection" to a navigable body of water to be federally regulated. Further, they required these wetlands to be "indistinguishable" from the navigable body of water.
 - ACOE, Maine DEP and Bureau of Submerged Lands will be asked if the Supreme Court Ruling will change permitting requirements in Maine, and if so, what will change?
- Discuss possible Campground Boardwalk to possible proposed tent sites with Jessica Damon of Maine DEP. During Community Visioning Sessions related to the Comprehensive Plan, a bog boardwalk was noted as important to community members.
- Provide updated notes to all Selectboard Members and draft a public information 'blurb' for distribution to interested residents at the June 21, 2023 special town meeting. Henry Point Working Waterfront will not be an agenda item at the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM, adjourned at 5:00 PM. (1 hour; 3 volunteers; 3 hours)