

# HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

## COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

**AUGUST 16, 2023**

### MINUTES

#### **Attendance:**

Ira Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee Chairman  
D. Kraig Church, Working Waterfront Committee Member  
Harry Fish, Harbor Committee Member  
Chip Haskell, Haley Ward Inc.  
Paul Monyok, Haley Ward Inc.  
Elaine Abbott, SCEC Grant Administration  
James Jutras, SCEC Grant Coordinator  
Cynthia Beauvais, public guest  
Kathy Killian, Assistant to Jonesport Selectboard

**Minutes of July 19, 2023:** Draft minutes were sent to committee members by e-mail on August 1, 2023. No comments or edits were returned. Committee members approved the minutes as written.

- **FYI – Notes of Meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Coleman:** Ken and Debbie Coleman own the property abutting the Campground and Working Waterfront parcel that is owned by the town. Notes of the August 10, 2023 meeting with the Colemans were shared with the committee members. A written request of what the committees are requesting of the Colemans was sent to them on August 14, 2023 and we expect we will receive a prompt response. They are supportive of the project, the fishermen, and the town. There is no need, at this point, to move the Kelley Point Road access on the plan. The committee understands the need to ‘iron out’ responses and details with the Colemans in order to complete the permit applications.

#### **Haley Ward Update:**

- **Sevee & Maher Plan** – was done for Washington County Council of Governments in 2019 identified the section of the campground road that is prone to flooding. The plans for upgrading the section were provided to Haley Ward and have been brought into the plan without further impact to wetlands.
- **Permit Application Scope** – Haley Ward will plan to permit the boat launch, parking, road relocation, and bog walk to additional planned tent sites for the campground. There are too many unknowns regarding the future pier to include that on the permit applications. Members present agreed.

- **Future Pier Location** – Haley Ward will provide the committees with a plan that shows the stone breakwater so the members can redline the future desired location and verify no interference with launching operations on the ramp and floats.
- **Launch Ramp Length/Width** – Width of launch bays and floats were discussed. Ms. Killian will provide Haley Ward with the width of the floats in service at Sawyer Cove for reference. (*Trap floats 8' and access float 6'*). Based on the recommended 10% pitch, the ramps will need to extend far enough to have 3' to 5' of water at low tide (estimating 150' of length).
- **Agent Authority for Permit Application(s)** – The authorization was signed by Harry Fish during the meeting and will be returned to Haley Ward so they can act as the Agent for the Town of Jonesport for the Maine DEP and Army Corps of Engineers permits.
- **Geotechnical Survey** – The geotechnical work will focus primarily on the pier (phase 2 of the project) but is also needed before road construction can begin.
  - There is some backlog booking a Geotechnical survey (potentially S.W. Cole Engineering, Inc. from Bangor). The survey will also be needed to determine how to best utilize the stone breakwater to support the pier.
  - Cost for the geotechnical survey can reach \$75,000 pretty quickly. A barge may be needed, increasing expense and wait time for the survey so it is important to get the survey scheduled so we'll have what is needed to get the road started.
  - Chip will move forward with trying to arrange the survey to be completed in early 2024. Ms. Killian is actively seeking grant money to support the cost of the survey.
- **Action Items** – Haley Ward will provide an updated sketch to show the revised launch ramp angle and a larger view to show the pier location and including a mock-up reference to the bog walk and additional tent sites. (*Drawings received Monday 8/21/2023*). Ms. Killian will send Haley Ward the map of soundings received from Jen Thalhauser of the Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD – Economic Development**

**Initiative/Community Project Funding):** Ms. Killian and James Jutras (SCEC) are working diligently to complete the paperwork needed to 'open' the HUD grant.

**Grant Opportunities:** Ms. Killian has started work on the Rural and Tribal Assistance Program Grant Application US-DOT Build America Program. The opportunity opened for applications on Friday August 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM and will close 45 days later. Applications are screened as presented and funds will be awarded to qualified applications on a first come/first served basis. There is no local match requirement.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Jonesport Town Office**