

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

November 1, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance:

Ira Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee Chairman
John Church, Harbor Master
Harry Fish, Harbor Committee Member
Paul Monyok, Haley Ward Inc.
James Jutras, SCEC Grant Coordinator
Cynthia Beauvais, public guest
Kathy Killian, Grants and Planning for Town of Jonesport

Minutes of August 16, 2023:

Draft minutes were sent to committee members by e-mail on August 26, 2023. No comments or edits were returned. Committee members approved the minutes as written.

Haley Ward Update:

- **Review and Approval of 8/16/2023 Plan Updates:** Following the 8/15/2023 meeting, the concept plan was updated to show potential boardwalk/bog walk from the existing campground to an area of higher ground to be used for future tent sites, and an improved angle for the launch ramp. The plan dated “Received 8/23/2023” was reviewed and approved for use. Wetland impact is still less than 15,000 square feet (current estimate is 14,498).
- **Permit Process:** Haley Ward will continue to work on the preparation of the permit applications using the “Received 8/23/2023” Concept Plan. Despite anticipated approval backlogs that may impact review or approval, we continue to hope that permits will be in place so work can begin in the spring of 2024. Mr. Monyok will meet with committee representatives prior to submission of the applications.
- **NEPA (National Environmental Protection Agency):** Required for all Federally Funded projects. Because the NEPA review has not been included in prior Haley Ward Work Orders, we are awaiting a proposal and cost estimate for the NEPA work to be completed by Haley Ward.

Coleman Property - Right of Way Update: The Colemans have verbally agreed to \$35,000 for changing the path of the Campground Road right-of-way. Colemans have requested a gate at the lower end of the old road to keep traffic from coming onto their property inadvertently, but still allowing Colemans to access the old right-of-way at that point. Colemans will be put on the waiting list for an Inner Harbor Mooring and a decision on whether they will be allowed to have a permit to use the Henry Point Working Waterfront Access will be decided as the rules governing use are developed. Haley Ward will need a letter detailing the exchange which is to include title to the property, the town's right of interest, and changes to the right-of-way to submit with permit applications. Money will transfer when funds can be approved (special town meeting) and the legal documents are ready. Attorney Hamer's office has been contacted details have been sent.

Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD – Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding): Necessary forms and documents to 'open' the grant were sent to the required e-mail contacts on October 18, 2023. Ms. Killian will follow up for confirmation that the messages and copies were received. Carol Woodcock of Senator Collins office will be copied on the follow up as she may be able to assist. NEPA review will be needed before work can begin or any funds can be released.

Grant Updates: The \$15,000 Harbor Access and Management grant for site preparation for the launch ramp has been extended to 12/31/2024. The Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program grant application (\$229,000) was submitted 8/26/2023; the application period closed on September 28th with award announcements to be made in late October or early November. Ms. Killian will continue to follow up.

Miscellaneous:

John Church noted that we have concrete planks stored in Jonesboro that have been given to us by the State. They can be left where they are for the winter and when we can start working at Henry Point, we can move them to the appropriate spot for staging at the site while the launch ramp prep work can be completed.

The next scheduled meeting for the Henry Point Working Waterfront Access Project will be held on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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