

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

December 13, 2023

MINUTES

Attendance: John Church, Harbor Master (acting as Chairman); Harry Fish, Harbor Committee Member; D. Kraig Church, Working Waterfront Access Committee Member; James Jutras, Sunrise County Economic Council Grant Coordinator; Paul Monyok, Haley Ward Project Engineer; Cynthia Beauvais, Guest; Kathy Killian, Jonesport Grants/Planning Assistant

Minutes of November 1, 2023: Circulated to members in advance of the meeting; questions, comments and corrections were addressed and minutes were accepted by motion from Harry Fish, seconded by Kraig Church and approved.

Haley Ward Update:

- **Permit Applications** – in good shape to be submitted after the first of the year. Haley Ward will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. James Jutras has initiated discussions with Haley Ward regarding NEPA review.
 - DEP – NRPA will be Permit by Rule form for the Boat Launch only. DEP review takes 2 weeks and if there are no comments, then we are good to go. Application fee is \$307.00 with no additional fees.
 - DEP – NRPA Tier 1 Application for wetland impact less than 15,000 square feet. The wetlands are rated as Wetlands of Special Significance because they are within 100 feet of the water. Application fee is \$150.00 to be paid with application; there will be additional fees assessed by DEP to issue the permit. A formula is used, and Haley Ward will advise the estimated fees once the application is reviewed by their staff for submission. Will finalize and submit the first of the year (2024).
 - ACOE – General Permit is basically a notification of our plans and will include a copy of the wetland impact and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Reports. Many of the reports are back, and the application is in the finalizing stage. Jonesport will provide listing of Inner Harbor Moorings and ACOE Soundings map to Haley Ward for inclusion with application. There are no Federal or State anchorage sites in Sawyer Cove. Expect a 6 month turn-around.
 - Haley Ward will provide an estimate of cost for total fees.

Coleman Property - Right of Way Update: Draft from Attorney Hamer's office by Kristi Trafton has been received and reviewed. Jonesport will question attorney Trafton on changing the requirement to close 90 days from signing to a longer period of time. The signed copy will be needed to submit with permit applications in January 2024 and Jonesport may need a longer period of time to budget and appropriate the funds. Draft will be sent to the Colemans and their representative when the surveyed property description and map focused on the right-of-way are completed by Haley Ward and attached to draft.

Town Meeting – approval for funds: Budget is discussed and developed during January and February in preparation for Town Meeting to be held in March 2024. An article to request \$35,000 from surplus to pay the Colemans will be included for voting at the town meeting. A separate article may be presented to request an amount (to be determined) to cover permit fees which will not be available through grants.

Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD – Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding): A meeting will be scheduled with Julia Perry of HUD to discuss the scope of the project and environmental review in particular. Haley Ward will be represented by Paul Monyok and Johanna Szillery. James Jutras from SCEC will attend, as well as Ira Kelley, John Church, Harry Fish, and Kathy Killian.

Grant Updates: Spring grant-rounds were discussed and Ms. Killian will work with James Jutras to prepare for submissions.

Miscellaneous: Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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