

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

January 17, 2024

MINUTES

Attendance: Ira Kelley, Working Waterfront Chairman; John Church, Harbor Master; Harry Fish, Harbor Committee (and Selectboard Chairman); Paul Monyok, Haley Ward; Johanna Szillery, Haley Ward; Cynthia Beauvais, Public; James Jutras, SCEC; Kathy Killian, Grants/Planning Assistant

Minutes of December 13, 2023: distributed twice via e-mail to all members. No questions or comments received. Motion to accept as written by John Church, seconded and all present agreed.

Haley Ward Update:

Permit Applications - under final review at Haley Ward.

Additional Documents needed for Coleman Purchase and Sale Agreement - legal description and 'focused' map have been received and forwarded to John Hamer's assistant Kristi Trafton for attachment to the Coleman Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement.

- o There is an additional land-owner that will be impacted by the right of way change. The owner will be contacted, information sent, and their questions or concerns will be brought to the committee for a resolution to be approved by the Selectboard.

HUD Environmental Review - after discussion and meetings with Haley Ward (Johanna Szillery and Paul Monyok) and Julia Perry of HUD, the recommendation to the Selectboard will be to accept the Haley Ward proposal for doing the required environmental review under Part 58 which means the town will take responsibility for the content and completion of the Environmental Review. Expect a 4 to 5 month process.

Town Meeting - approval for funds: - discussed inclusion of two articles in the Town Book for Town Meeting (March 11, 2024) for continued financial support from the town. One request

(\$35,000) will be to withdraw from surplus to pay Mr. and Mrs. Coleman for the widened and repositioned right of way for the Campground Road. The second request will be to borrow from surplus (\$50,000) to be used for unforeseen and planned expenses to complete planning and other requirements to prepare for the work to begin. The loan will be paid back upon completion of phase one of the project, or before. There are expenses for the project that will be reimbursable by the \$1.5 million Federal Grant (HUD) after we have completed all requirements for release of the grant funds. For example, the Environmental Review.

Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD - Economic Development

Initiative/Community Project Funding): - we are in communication with representatives from HUD regarding remaining requirements for the release of funds. We have verbal okay from HUD to continue with planning and environmental review with those costs, if incurred after 12/31/2023, to be reimbursed to the town from the grant funds.

Grant Updates: With assistance from James Jutras of SCEC, additional Grant Opportunities for 2024 through Maine DOT, Northern Border Regional Commission, and others will be reviewed to prepare for applications.

Miscellaneous: - no additional items brought to the attention of the committees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2024 (3rd Wednesday).

Minutes:
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