

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE – COMBINED MEETING

May 15, 2024

MINUTES

Attendance: Ira Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee Chairman; D. Kraig Church, Working Waterfront; Patrick Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee; Anson Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee; John Church, Harbor Master; Harry Fish, Harbor Committee; Ernest Kelley, Jr., Harbor Committee; Diane Smith, Harbor Committee; James Jutras, SCEC; Johanna Szillery, Haley Ward; Kathy Killian, Grants/Planning Assistant; Cynthia Beauvais, Public

Minutes of March 20, 2024: draft minutes had been distributed by e-mail with no comments received. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

Coleman/Aiston Status:

A fresh copy of the Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement including Appendix A (Survey Map), Appendix B (Legal Description of Right of Way), and Memorandum of Understanding (Committee/Town agreement for Coleman's requests) were hand-delivered to Mr. Coleman on May 14, 2024. He will take to his NH home for signing by himself and Mrs. Coleman and return the signed documents to us for approval by the Selectboard.

After Coleman's docs are received, approved and signed by all parties, a letter will be drafted and sent to the Aiston Family regarding the changes to the new right of way that Haley Ward was able to implement to avoid crossing the Aiston property. Their other concerns will also be addressed in the letter.

Haley Ward Update:

- Status and process for the Environmental Review was explained by Johanna Szillery of Haley Ward. It will address flood and wetland impacts and present scenarios showing that Henry Point is the best choice for the Working Waterfront. Haley Ward is working to address any potential endangered species and the team is working on our case with NOAA and DMR. Once completed, and submitted to HUD, Julia Perry of HUD will agree with Haley Ward's assessment or advise that more information is

needed from NOAA. They have provided us with the 8-Step Process that needs to be documented for HUD.

- Johanna will ask for consultation with Fish and Wildlife regarding the possible presence of the Northern Long-Eared Bat. If present in our area, tree cutting will be restricted for cutting any trees over 3” in diameter until November 1, 2024.
- Paul Monyok was not available for the meeting but advised that the plans are in a position to be submitted with Permit Applications. Construction Ready plans come after the agencies (Maine DEP, Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife, Department of Marine Resources) have reviewed and made recommendations for changes (if any). Paul will provide a copy of the applications for committee review before submission.
 - DEP NRPA permit needs to be compiled and sent in. DEP has 15 days to review the application for completeness and 60 days to approve or comment.
 - ACOE is ‘just about complete’ and needs a final check that Haley Ward is including everything that is on the checklist, needs to be compiled, and sent in. Turn-around time is a ‘wild-card’ although ACOE tries to use the same schedule as DEP.
- Once permits are received, Paul advised that putting the work out to bid should go relatively quickly.

The committee advised Haley Ward that we want to ‘break ground’ by November 30, 2024.

Grant Updates:

- Representative Jared Golden’s Bangor Office contacted Kathy Killian on Friday April 26, 2024 to advise that Mr. Golden would like to put forward projects for funding through the Appropriations Bill and they were interested in hearing about the Henry Point Working Waterfront Project. Application was prepared and submitted with letters of support by the May 1st deadline.
- Harbor Management and Access Grant application (\$15,000) was submitted on May 10, 2024 for materials and labor to begin work on the launch ramp (after site prep is completed).
- We have been invited to apply for a \$50,000 FY2025 Coastal Community Grant/Shore and Harbor Planning Grant. Application is due 5/31/2024.
- Our DMR Shore and Harbor Planning Grant (start date 10/11/2019; end date 6/30/2024) is fully expended.

- FY2023 Community Project Funding (HUD – EDI/CPF) needs to have application deficiencies corrected. Ms. Killian will reach out to Jared Golden’s Office and James Jutras of SCEC and for assistance.
- We have a small grant for site preparation for the launch ramps that expires December 31, 2024 and need to know what work we can do to get started on that piece of the project. Ms. Killian will contact John Noll for a call with Ira Kelley and John Church to discuss what we can start doing for site prep that will qualify us to be reimbursed so we can show progress on the project.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 PM seconded and approved. Next meeting June 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM. **Rescheduled to June 20, 2024 as June 19th is a national, state, and municipal holiday.**

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approved 6/20/2024