

HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE

Thursday August 20, 2026

MINUTES

3:00 PM – **Water view of the rubble breakwater @ Henry Point, and the Sawyer Cove Breakwater.** John Church, Ira Kelley, Diane Smith, Anson Kelley, Kathy Killian; Amanda Smith, Ari Tickner (SCEC); Robert Blunt, Tammy Tanguay, Jess Reilly-Moman (VHB)

4:30 PM – **Land view of the Henry Point Working Waterfront site and discussion of possibilities for Commercial Pier.** John Church, Ira Kelley, Diane Smith, Kathy Killian, Harry Fish; Amanda Smith, Ari Tickner (SCEC); Robert Blunt, Tammy Tanguay, Jess Reilly-Moman (VHB)

6:00 PM – **Town Office for scheduled Henry Point Working Waterfront Planning Meeting.** Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM as participants were present.

Attendance:

- **Working Waterfront Committee** – Ira Kelley, Patrick Kelley, and Anson Kelley
- **Harbor Committee** – John Church, Harry Fish, Diane Smith, and Jason Alley
- **SCEC** – Amanda Smith, Ari Tickner, and James Jutras (via Zoom)
- **VHB** – Robert Blunt, Tammy Tanguay, Jess Reilly-Moman
- **Haley Ward** – Paul Monyok (via Zoom)
- **Other** – Clea Harrelson, public; Cynthia Beauvais, public; Kathy Killian, Grants/Planning Assistant

Minutes of July 15, 2026:

Draft minutes were distributed to committee members by e-mail; no comments or questions were received. Minutes were reviewed during the meeting, and a motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

Haley Ward: Question and Answer regarding construction to date and next steps.

Construction appears to be going smoothly; Jim Carver has not had many questions for Haley Ward in the last couple of weeks. Performance and Payment Bonds are needed from Carver Construction. Jonesport has received DRAFT contracts from Haley Ward.

VHB Engineering: Information Exchange ~

Refreshments were provided by Jess of VHB Engineering.

Amanda Smith summarized the Portrait of a Fishing Community: Moosabec Project. Working with the Youth Leadership Team (17- to 23-year-old local community members) to develop a vision for the future of the Moosabec Reach fishing community and to identify the skills, knowledge and resources to work towards the vision. This project is part of Clea Harrelson's anthropology dissertation research through the University of Maine. Youth voices and vision are important to the Henry Point Working Waterfront Project as one goal is to build a facility that will serve future generations.

- The prompt selected by the youth was “What fears or hopes do you have for the future?”
 - What does the future of our community look like, and how can we get there?
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Local Restaurant(s) – sea to table. See your meal prepared.
 - Cold Storage Facility(s)
 - Captain's Courses – charters, fishing trips
 - Create a good life, without having to leave the area

Possible estimates of cost for the Commercial Pier could be found by researching recent grant awards for similar construction projects.

Wants and Needs for Commercial Pier were discussed:

- Floats inside of Breakwater
- Floats with finger floats could relieve inner harbor mooring congestion
- Space to replace/repair engines and equipment at the pier
 - 2 large boats at a time could 'lay up' inside breakwater for repairs
 - Estimate large boat at 50' length/20' beam
- Hoists and Cranes –
 - Two large; capable of handling bait boxes
 - Four or more 'trap' cranes
 - Hoists – hydraulic solution; motor is electric
- Concentrate on using the granite rubble breakwater as the foundation for the commercial pier; Kathy to try to find information in Town Office files related to Breakwater (owned by Army Corps of Engineers) construction in ~1986
 - Accommodate pick-up trucks (and trailers), box trucks for service/repair, bait boxes (no storage of bait on pier). Possibly 34' wide? Local buyers could have an option to send a truck to the pier to purchase scallops?

- Identify needs for diversification of the fishery – aquaculture, seaweed harvesting (kelp)
- The Henry Point Commercial Pier does not want to be in competition with local buyers that sell fuel and bait
- Scallop season docking fee in Eastport - \$500 a month includes parking and use of all available facilities; transient users.
- Access to electricity is needed.
 - Availability of 3-phase power was discussed; needed for the future
 - There is 220 at the campground
 - 110 is needed for battery charging
 - Possible converter for the pier to provide 3-phase service

Available Grants (EDA, MARAD – BUILD and PIDP) will be looking for Efficiency, Safety, and Innovation.

- Efficiency ~
 - Deep water access
 - Recreational competition for parking, launching goes away
 - Lighting and electricity for easier repair access
 - Battery charging
- Safety ~
 - No slip/no rot materials for pier and dock surfaces
 - Lighting
 - Emergency Services access
 - Coast Guard Access
- Innovation ~
 - Possible food truck
 - Availability of supplies for fishers/harvesters at the pier
 - Consider use of composites in construction

Private Investment ~

- New businesses
- Existing business expansion
- Larger boats; larger crew

Other Needs:

- Fresh water availability; nice, not needed
- Ability to pump saltwater for cleaning boats and making ice
- Internet availability for surveillance cameras
- Small building to house mechanical room, serve as control room for cameras/monitors, possible office for Harbor Master and/or Pier Manager
- Rolloff dumpster for 'ghost traps' recovered
- Privy/all season port-a-potties

RFQ/RFP:

Scheduled for September 2, 2026 publication in the Machias Valley News Observer. Seeking services from qualified engineering firms to provide professional engineering, design, technical analysis, and public engagement services for the planning and design of a climate resilient Commercial Pier that will support commercial fishing, harvesting, aquaculture and maritime service businesses of the Moosabec Reach and surrounding communities. Jessica Crowley of SCEC can assist with getting the RFQ/RFP on state listings. It will also be posted on www.townofjonesport.com and www.JonesportAmerica.com.

Pre Construction Needs for LAUNCH RAMP:

- **Submerged Land Permit ~ William Henry Kelley (b. 1824; d. 1899) Surviving Heirs.**
 - Attorney expects court complaint to be completed by September 8, 2026. She is trying to expedite the filing and legal service to heirs that were located but did not return their release deeds.
 - Intertidal Zone Exhibit for court complaint has been provided by Haley Ward and sent to the attorney for filing the complaint. The intertidal area is 115,653.81 square feet or 2.66 acres.
 - Kathy will question the attorney about the need to publish notifications in the newspaper(s).

Concrete Planks and Docks:

- **Morrison** – design fee placeholder; to be paid when HUD – CPF B-26-CP-ME-1063 funds are available.

Grant Updates:

- **FY2023 Community Project Funding for Road Construction (HUD – EDI/CPF B-23-CP-ME-0767).**
- **NBRC Grant for Parking Area and Launch Ramp Construction. Full Notice to Proceed has been received from NBRC.**
- **Representative Jared Golden CDS FY2026 for Commercial Pier Planning and Design (HUD – CPF B-26-CP-ME-1063)**

Grant Opportunities for 2027 – Commercial Pier construction:

- **EDA – Economic Development Agency ~ Annual Public Works/Economic Adjustment Funding**

- Kathy attended a virtual meeting on August 19, 2026 with Jon Gulliver (Economic Development, Northern Maine Development Commission – NMDC) and Robert Clark (Executive Director NMDC) to complete the Project Proposal for Katherine Trapani of EDA in preparation for applying for FY2027 funding for construction of a Commercial Pier.
- **MARAD - U.S. Maritime Administration, agency within U.S. Department of Transportation ~**
 - **BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Program opening for applications in December 2026**
 - **PIDP (Port Infrastructure Development Program) opening for applications in March/April**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes – ktk; 8/24/2026