

## **HENRY POINT WORKING WATERFRONT PROJECT**

### **WORKING WATERFRONT ACCESS COMMITTEE; HARBOR COMMITTEE – COMBINED MEETING**

**March 20, 2024**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Ira Kelley, Working Waterfront Committee Chairman; Ben Durkee, Member Working Waterfront Committee; John Church, Harbor Master; Harry Fish, Harbor Committee; Ernest Kelley, Jr., Harbor Committee; Howard Mills, Harbor Committee; Diane Smith, Harbor Committee; James Jutras, SCEC; Paul Monyok, Haley Ward; Kathy Killian, Grants/Planning Assistant; Cynthia Beauvais, Public

**Minutes of February 21, 2024:** draft minutes had been distributed by e-mail with no comments received. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

**Property Owner/Guest Questions regarding Right of Way:** A call was arranged on March 7, 2024 by Ms. Killian for the abutting property owners (Aiston/Funke families) to ask questions directly to Paul Monyok of Haley Ward. Notes were taken of their questions, concerns and request to have the committees ask for additional review by the engineer to see if there are other options for the road and avoid the new right of way crossing their property (est. 531 square feet). After review of the concept plan, Mr. Monyok marked up a couple of changes that could be considered, and a call was made to Mr. Monyok on March 15, 2024 to discuss the options and the work that would have to be re-done for approval of a new concept plan. During that call, it was determined that the 50' right of way could be narrower at the point where it meets the Aiston property and that right of way across the estimated 531 square feet of their property would not be necessary. Notes of both calls were distributed at the meeting and are available in the project records.

Mr. Monyok explained the issues of slope, grading, runoff, traffic view at the intersection, and wetlands, that would result from moving the road. Motion made and seconded that the road will remain as designed, and the Right Of Way will be adjusted to avoid the corner of the Aiston property. All approved.

Motion made and seconded that Ms. Killian and Mr. Monyok draft a letter to Aiston/Funke family members. All approved.

### **Permit Application Update:**

Signed Coleman Agreement and revised Right of Way description are needed to submit with the application. Haley Ward and Rudman Winchell are working on revisions.

It was noted that Army Corps of Engineers and the NRPA Permit from Maine DEP are concerned with natural resource protection and wetland impact.

### **Town Meeting Articles:**

- The voters present at the Annual Town Meeting (Monday March 11, 2024) voted to protect the Henry Point and Campground and use the property as Working Waterfront and Campground in perpetuity.
- The voters present at the Annual Town Meeting (Monday March 11, 2024) approved the request to withdraw \$35,000 from surplus to pay Mr. and Mrs. Coleman for the repositioning and additional width of the Right of Way across their property.
- The voters present at the Annual Town Meeting (Monday March 11, 2024) approved borrowing from up to \$50,000 from surplus to have funds available for planning, services, and unforeseen expenses which will be paid back to the town upon completion of the project, or sooner.

**Congressionally Directed Spending FY 2023 (HUD-Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding):** Work on correction of deficiencies in our paperwork submitted to HUD in October 2023 continues. Corrections must be approved before any funds can be disbursed from the \$1.5 million grant. Disbursement is also contingent on completion and review of the Environmental Review. The kickoff call for the Environmental Review was held on February 15, 2024 with Haley Ward.

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM; Adjourned at 7:00 PM ~ ktk