

Sunset Committee Meeting Minutes-Revised

Location: CI Historical Society
Date: 4/6/2015
Present: Carol White, Donna Damon, Will Lund, Paul Belesca, Susan Stranahan, Sam McLean, Mary Holt (chair), Thor Peterson
Absent:
Public: Carol Sabasteanski (also Secretary)

Chair, Mary Holt, called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Welcome New Committee Member

Mary welcomed Carol White to the Committee. Carol replaces Beth Howe as the representative from the Planning Board.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made (Stranahan), seconded (Peterson), and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting.

Status of Outstanding Studies

Mary received a verbal update from Dustin on the status of the studies.

The Archeological study will begin as soon as the land is soft enough. The person conducting the study will be on site every day for two weeks and it will take six more weeks for the report to be received. Dustin said the report should be ready in early June. However, Donna pointed out that there are only 8 weeks left until the beginning of June and, since the ground is not soft enough to begin now, the time line given does not seem realistic.

The raw data from the bathymetric survey must be converted to usable format before the Wind and Wave study can be completed. No date has been given for this to be completed.

M&M Reports, Meeting Attendance, and Guidance

The committee would like written monthly progress reports from Dustin. It was agreed that these are very helpful in terms of monitoring progress and keeping projects on task. The committee is anxious to receive the CD that has been promised from M&M.

The committee also requested that Dustin attend our May 4th meeting to discuss the community meetings that will occur at the end of Phase 2 and preparation for Phase 3. Some items that we will ask Dustin to help with are:

1. Develop a timeline for Phase 3
2. Help estimate costs of Phase 3
3. Information regarding possible grants for Phase 3

Planning for Conclusion of Phase 2 and Phase 3

The committee discussed the community meetings to report the findings of Phase 2. These are tentatively scheduled for July 20th or August 3rd. The suggestion was made that we hold two meetings, one in the summer and one in the fall when more lobstermen could attend.

Phase 3, as planned thus far:

1. Identify and prepare applications for grant funding opportunities and provide matching funds.
2. Plan for sea level rise effects on the property and determine which of several available models to utilize in that planning effort. Models have been created by NOAA, the Army Corps of Engineers and others, and the Town will need to choose which prediction they feel is most accurate. This baseline information will be an important factor in any future design efforts.
3. Organize several design charrettes to involve the community in deciding the Sunset property's appropriate uses.
4. Compile an inventory of available public lands on Chebeague.
5. Prepare conceptual plans for development of the property to meet the needs of the community.
6. Meet with regulators from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Marine Resources, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and other identified agencies/stakeholders to discuss project plans and determine permitting thresholds.
7. Develop cost estimates for the various development options including initial capital costs and long-term maintenance costs.

The committee agreed that items 1 through 4 should be planned/researched prior to the community meetings this summer.

Update on Golf Club Proposal for Parking at Stone Pier

Donna gave the committee an update on the discussions between the Town and Golf Club regarding using Golf Club's land for parking. Donna shared that considering the impact to the Holmbom family and the environment were priorities. At the Selectmen's Meeting on 4/1 the item was tabled until 4/8 to solicit more community input.

The Sunset Committee has no position on the proposal. Our focus is on the Sunset property.

Other Items

Carol White will contact the Coastal Vulnerability Group to determine if they might provide funding or other resources to the committee regarding rising sea levels.

Mary will check with the Town to determine the status of grant payments.

Mary will contact Dustin regarding items raised in the meeting and invite him to the May 4th meeting.

If Dustin can attend the May 4th meeting, we may hold it at the school.

Mary asked the committee to email items to discuss with Dustin prior to the May 4th meeting.

A motion was made (Stranahan), seconded (Peterson) and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. The next committee meeting will be Monday May 4th (location to be determined).

Respectfully submitted,

