

Minutes of the meeting of the TOCI Sunset Committee, Monday June 16, 2014 at 5:30 at the Historical Society

Present: Paul Belesca, Ken Hamilton, Mary Holt, Beth Howe, Susan Strahanan
Absent: Donna Damon, Will Lund, Sam MacLean, Carol Sebastianski and Thor Peterson.

The single agenda item was to consider whether it would make sense to apply for a grant for Phase III, now that the Town has provided funding for Phase II. Mary provided information about the Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Program which has 5 different kinds of grants. The application deadline for them is July 1. The committee considered the five kinds of grants. We have already done Right of Way Rediscovery Projects (5).. 1,2, and 4 all involve planning for a harbor that exists already. Mary thought that a Municipal Facilities Management Plan might make sense.

There are also Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grants. They have a continuous grant review process. These seem to relate primarily to physical improvements to existing harbor infrastructure. There is a 50 percent local match.

Paul suggested asking Dustin Roma what he thought the best fit would be for our Phase III. Mary said she would do this.

Ken said that it is important to involve the Selectmen in this grant application process. We have to be sure they are interested in the work.

Ken also noted that we can't apply for Shore and Harbor grants or SHIP grants if we are uncertain about whether we will actually want to use the land for a ferry landing or some kind of harbor. They would not fund a park plan.

Paul said that it might make more sense to apply for a Coastal Communities Grant. They are more open-ended. We could apply to evaluate options for use, rather than assuming a wharf yet.

Respectfully submitted

Beth Howe