

Sunset Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Chebeague Island Hall
Date: 9/19/2016
Present: Donna Damon, Sam McLean, Mary Holt (chair), Carol Sabasteanski
Absent: Paul Belesca, Peter Pellerin, Carol White, Thor Peterson
Public: Herb Maine

Mary Holt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and announced there was a quorum.

Agenda Items

Mary stated that there were two items to discuss at this meeting:

1. The recent grant application "to complete conceptual design, engineering, and a management plan that studies the best uses of and makes improvements to the municipal Stone Pier". The application inaccurately states that "the Town has almost completed the process of evaluating whether it might be more cost-effective a move to an alternative landing site rather than trying to expand and rebuild the current facility at the Stone Pier".
2. Whether or not the Committee should develop and distribute a survey given the lack of cost comparison information between the Stone Wharf and Sunset.

The Committee agreed that:

1. The grant application misrepresents the scope of the Sunset Committee. The original scope of the Sunset Committee was to present a long range plan for the property. This scope was modified by the Selectmen in early 2016. The Committee does not have the funding to create a feasibility study for a wharf and parking at Sunset that would allow the public to compare costs/benefits of developing Sunset vs. the Stone Wharf.
2. Without a valid cost/benefit comparison between the alternatives the Committee cannot create a survey that provides the necessary information for members of the public to make knowledgeable decisions. Since the grant has stated that the Town will have a cost comparison between the two sites, it is the responsibility of the BOS to authorize a study at Sunset.
3. The Committee will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that we cannot create a survey because there is insufficient information to provide to survey recipients.

Next Steps:

- Carol will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen detailing our position and concerns.

Herb was asked if he wanted to make any comments, and he declined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary