

Minutes of the Meeting of the TOCI Sunset Committee, May19, 2014 at 5:30 at the Historical Society

Present: Mary Holt, Donna Damon Beth Howe, Ken Hamilton, Paul Belesca, Will Lund, Susan Stranahan

Absent: Sam MacLean, Carol Sabasteanski, Thor Peterson

1. Minutes

Susan moved, seconded by Ken to approve the minutes of March 24, 2014. Accepted unanimously.

2. Mary reported on communications with the consultants. Nadeau is somewhat behind schedule on the parcel survey. The wetlands have been flagged (in blue) as well as points of reference (in orange) and places where tests were made for septic systems (in red). There are no vernal pools.

3. Shore and Harbor grants

Mary and Eric have researched and sent on to committee members links to possible government grants for things like boating facilities, small harbors and coastal projects. The Maine Coastal Grant Applications are due July 1. So for us an application for a particular project would be premature. Paul suggested focusing on the Coastal Communities grants (water quality, habitat, sustainable development and shore preservation, preparing for coastal storms) rather than the SHIP grants for infrastructure. Mary said we still need money for Phase II even if the Town provides money, so we should still apply for grant money. She thought that the fact that the Town has already spent money on research might improve our chances. Paul said we have to be realistic about our chances, since other communities have applications ready.

4. Town Meeting

How should the findings be presented at Town Meeting? Agreement that the consultants, particularly Dustin, should present them – not an elaborate presentation. The wording in the warrant asks for \$20,000. The purpose is worded broadly, not focusing on site limitations and options. The Phase II research topics are eel grass, bathymetry, wind and wave impacts, and a possible \$7,000 for archaeology if it is needed.

5. Organization and scheduling of community meetings on Sunset findings

Monday June 2 was set for a public meeting at the Parish House where Dustin will share information on what they have done already and what needs to be done. Donna said she thought the public participation part should be multi-layered with surveys and meetings. We need money for this. Mary said that is why she had sent out the information on charrettes.

It was agreed to listen to comments at the initial meetings and then develop surveys and hold small meetings. This would begin this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Howe