

Sunset Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes

Location: CI Historical Society
Date: 11/17/2014
Present: Donna Damon, Mary Holt (chair), Susan Stranahan, Paul Belesca, Will Lund
Absent: Beth Howe, Sam McLean, Thor Peterson
Public: Carol Sabasteanski (also Secretary)

Chair, Mary Holt, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.

The minutes to the November 3rd meeting were unanimously approved.

Mary, Donna, and Susan updated the committee on the meeting with Dustin on 11/14 by reviewing the notes from the meeting prepared by Carol and distributed by Mary before the meeting. Those notes are as follows:

Dustin has agreed to add any wetlands around Elizabeth Road that have been flagged to the map.

Dustin will provide PDFs and paper copies of the base map we requested as well as several layer options.

Lots of discussion about the problem with the overlays of the current property lines (Tax maps) - they are clearly not correct (sometimes going through houses). Dustin explained that it was not possible to get exact boundary lines without surveying the properties and that the overlay was a rough approximation. He will attempt to make a better fit, but showing the property boundaries on such a large area map is problematic. He will provide maps with and without boundary lines.

The same is true for the paper streets. The overlay of the paper streets on a satellite picture of the area is "approximate" only.

As with the boundary lines map, Dustin will provide maps with and without the paper streets to the committee.

Discussed using AKA when roads had multiple names. Group was not sure what roads are being questioned.

Eel grass study: Really need to wait for other studies to get a full understanding of what area may be under consideration for use before an understanding of the significance of eel grass study can be determined. Dustin also explained that each project was different as far as how the regulators will view the significance of the eel grass study in permitting. Dustin said he would be happy to discuss with the committee the eel grass study and "interpret" it for us.

Take interior lots off one of the map presentations.

There was much discussion about the value of the work done on the paper streets. The committee is not getting the degree of accuracy it expected. Dustin said that to have a completely accurate map you would need to survey all the properties. We asked that the survey of our property show where roads come in to the property. He agreed.

Discussion by the SC regarding the meeting and outstanding issues were as follows:

- The Paper Streets survey was not thorough and was not what was promised. Mary will distribute the RFP and the M&M proposal to the SC for review to determine what further action, if any, should be taken by the SC in this regard.
- Donna researched the "Right to Entry" by surveyors and it appears that in Maine surveyors can enter private property to complete a survey as long as proper prior notice to the property owner is provided. Will volunteered to research the Maine statute further.
- The SC looks forward to receiving the deliverables promised by Dustin in the meeting.

Other items discussed by the SC were:

- What is the role of the SC as it relates to “Paper Streets”? The SC agreed that its charge is to determine how paper streets impact access to the Town’s property and to obtain the most accurate survey possible given budget constraints. There was discussion regarding to what extent the community presentations should provide details of paper streets – since that is not our charge. Should we include the data gathered to date, get more data (from M&M), exclude paper streets from the community presentation, or something else? No consensus was reached.
- What should be included in future community presentations? It was agreed that the SC needs to start planning for the content and timing of these presentations.
- What was learned from the Eel Grass study? There was discussion about the possible impact of the eel grass and organizations that might have concerns about any disturbance to the grass. Dustin has agreed to give us more information on what the results of the study might suggest.
- Permitting issues – some discussion on whether the site being used for public good might impact the permitting process.

For next meeting:

- Mary will distribute RFP and proposal from M&M
- Will will research the “Right to Entry” law
- SC will review the RFP and proposals from M&M and come to the meeting prepared to discuss next steps regarding its disappointment with the paper streets survey
- Mary will receive and distribute Dustin’s maps.
- Donna will find out if we have paid M&M anything to date.

At next meeting:

- SC will agree on the next steps regarding paper street survey results
- Committee will review Dustin’s deliverables.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

