

Riverfront Access Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 - 6:30pm

Portland Public Library

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:35pm

Members Present: Lou Pear, Tom Bransfield, Mark Tuttle, Jay Asikainen and Rick Sharr on conference phone.

Members Absent: Mike Hennessey and Karen Renner

2. Seating of Alternates: Jay Asikainen for Mike Hennessey and Mark Tuttle for Karen Renner

3. Approval of minutes postponed to next meeting

4. Flagged proposed pathway was completed by Jacobsen surveyors following the high ground to the river.

5. CRC Input: Rick has been in touch with our CRC representative who was updated on our progress and she is very supportive. Rick and I took her for a kayak ride to our proposed site last year. The current DEEP Wildlife commissioner was the CRC president who is familiar with our project. This could be helpful if the wildlife approval is necessary.

6. Amphibious study is still scheduled for May and will be done in the area adjacent to our surveyed pathway. This is in the Federal wetlands but is high and dry and away from the marsh areas.

7. We plan to host an informational tent at the Brownstone Quorum Craft Fair on June 8th at the Riverfront Park. Tom will fill us in on the location of the tent and provide us a tent. Lou has a table and easel. It was suggested that we laminate the updated map and post it at the tent as well as the sign which is in the PWD garage. There will be 30 plus vendors, 3 food trucks and

music. We will poll our members to see who can man the tent for a couple of hours. The event runs from 10:00am till 2:00pm. Lou will contact the high school principal to see if there is a graphic design student who could design a brochure which we can hand out to interested fair attendees.

8. Mark suggested that we hold off on the trail clearing until the amphibious study has been completed. Since our meeting, Rick and I met with Ryan and Geof Jacobsen and said that the first surveyed map is incorrect and the surveyors will need to resurvey the pathway. The surveyors who just completed a preliminary survey found an additional pin which adjusts and reduces the town owned property by 150 feet going away from the Meriden Boatyard. Therefore, Mark's suggestion is timely. We should have that updated map soon.
9. General Discussion – None
10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm. Motion by Tom Bransfield and seconded by Jay Asikainen. All in favor-Unanimous

Minutes Recorded By Lou Pear