

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Committee on Town Docks
Monday, December 5, 2016
Town Hall Annex Conference Room

The meeting was convened by Chairman Dave Senecal at 9:00 AM with the following additional Committee members in attendance: Linda Murray, Paul O'Brien, Bob Tougher, Steve Durgan, John Thurston, Adam Tasker and Justin Chaffee. In addition, Dave Owen, Dave Ford, and Matt Sullivan from the Town's staff were in attendance.

It was moved by Bob Tougher to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting as written. It was seconded by Steve Durgan and unanimously approved.

Chairman Senecal explained the Jim Rines had been here prior to the meeting but was called away by his daughter whose car had hit a tree in Tuftonboro during the snowfall. Mr. Rines left some concept plans that he developed for the Committee to review. Given Mr. Rines' absence, Chairman Senecal asked Dave Ford to talk about the boat ramp project first.

Dave Ford discussed the plans for expanding the existing boat ramp at the dockside parking lot from 12' to 16' wide and changing the angle of approach. He is estimating the cost of this project at \$90,000 as a stand-alone project. Alternatively, it could be combined with the other planning improvements to the Dockside Parking Lot for a total cost of approximately \$250,000. The project's \$90,000 price tag includes the cost of coffer dams which would have to be installed to re-construct the ramp. He projects that if the project is approved for funding, construction of the ramp could be planned to take place next fall during the low water period.

Steve Durgan noted that most boats are now 8.5' wide as are their trailers, which is the new standard. Other boat ramps around Lake Winnepesaukee have been improved to accommodate these wider boats, some are double-wide ramps. Paul O'Brien questioned how many boats go in and out of the ramp at dockside and whether this is the best way to spend \$100,000. Nevertheless, he indicated that he would favor expansion of the use of this boat ramp. John Thurston then moved to have the Committee go on record as supporting the project to refurbish and upgrade the boat ramp at Dockside. Bob Tougher expressed concern about total warrant article spending. The motion was put to a vote, with all members present voting "yes" except Bob Tougher who abstained.

Dave Ford was then asked by Chairman Senecal to update the Committee on the status of proposed public restroom improvements at Dockside. Dave Ford reported that Greg Roark (owner of Garwoods and lessee of the Dockside restaurant) has provided the Town with an alternative proposal of how to expand and improve the public restrooms at Dockside without having to resort to a separate new structure in the parking lot, as previously supported by the Public Restrooms Committee. His alternative proposal, which was developed by an architect, would expand the public restrooms at their current location and winterize them so that they could be used year-round. Dave Ford reported that this alternative approach to improving the public restrooms at Dockside, which has now been endorsed by the Public Restrooms Committee, has a price tag of about \$100,000. The Dockside restaurant facility also needs other repairs. Whether

the project to improve the public restrooms at Dockside moves forward is up to the Board of Selectmen to decide priorities for warrant articles.

Steve Durgan then returned to the subject of No Wake Zones. He stated that the current No Wake Zone buoy is not doing the job. It is supposed to be at 150' from the docks, but is actually only about 90'. He moved to establish a 300' No Wake Zone in Wolfeboro Bay. John Thurston seconded the motion, but indicated a preference for 2 No Wake Zone buoys. Steve Durgan stated that his motion was for a single No Wake Zone bouy at 300' so as to not interfere with the Mt. Washington. The motion was then approved unanimously.

Chairman Senecal then discussed the concept plans for dock expansion that Jim Rimes has left for the Committee's review. He noted that both concept plans involve expansion onto the abutting (Bowers) property, and stated that he is opposed to seeking to expand onto the abutting property. Members discussed that both alternatives do not result in any increase in the number of boat slips due to using 25' as the size of a boat slip as opposed to 20' per boat slip as at present. The Committee expressed a preference for trying to extend the current docks to their maximum allowable length without increase the space between the docks. The Committee asked to have Jim Rines work on a plan to max out the current docks with extensions without using the abutting property.

In response to discussion at the last meeting about whether more signage about the time limits for docking at the Town docks, Steve Durgan reported that there are signs with the current 4 hour parking limit at the end of each dock. John Thurston inquired about communication with the Fisherville Committee about upcoming winter events. Selectman Murray, who is also a member of the Fisherville Committee, reported the schedule for placing bob houses out on the ice, and the other events planned this winter..

The next meeting of the committee was set for Monday, January 9th at 9 AM. It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Dave Senecal, and seconded by Paul O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respecfully submitted,

David Owen