

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Committee on Town Docks
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Town Hall Annex Conference Room

[Note: The Committee meeting was originally scheduled to meet at 8:30 PM, but the agenda that was sent out subsequently said 9:00 AM, so the meeting did not convene until 9:00 AM].

Chairman Dave Senecal convened the meeting at 9:00 AM with the following additional Committee members in attendance: Linda Murray, Steve Durgan, John Thurston, Adam Tasker and Justin Chaffee. Members not present were Bob Tougher and Paul O'Brien. Also in attendance were Dave Owen and Matt Sullivan from Town staff and Jim Rines of White Mountain Survey and Engineering.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting of the Committee were reviewed. John Thurston pointed out an error which will be corrected. The January 9, 2017 minutes were then voted to be approved. Linda Murray requested that motions and votes be underlined and bolded in the future.

Dave Senecal then filled in members on the meeting with Rene Pelletier and other permitting staff at NHDES on March 27th which he, Jim Rines, and Matt Sullivan attended. Mr. Senecal stated that NHDES staff was very supportive of the concept plan for the extension of the Town Docks that was presented at the meeting. This plan involved leaving the last dock nearest Bowers' property, and extending the other docks to 200', except for the first dock, which would be extended to 170'. The State indicated that they would want a letter from the M.S. Mount Washington to the effect that they support the project, and suggested that the Town hold a public hearing on the proposed expansion of the Town Docks, which would relieve them of having to conduct a public hearing on the proposal. The State also indicated that any dredging should be included in the same permit application. Dave Senecal suggested possibly having the public hearing this coming summer, perhaps in the daytime, when a lot of people will be around. He also pointed out that we still need to meet with the Captain of the Winnepesaukee Belle to see if they have any issues with the proposal.

Steve Durgan suggested that the Town docks be numbered on the concept plan, beginning at the Mt. Washington's dock, which would be No. 1. He pointed out that the revised concept plan would still accommodate about 30 more boats than at present. It was also pointed out the planned improvements to the public boat ramp at the Town Docks should be portrayed on the revised concept plan, which Jim Rines agreed to incorporate into the plan.

Linda Murray discussed the need for a cost estimate for the project. She also mentioned the possibility of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to fund the project over 2 years. It was noted that the depth of water where the docks are proposed to be extended needs to be determined, as it could have a major impact on the cost of the project. Jim Rines pointed out that the State also wants him to survey the docks on the other side of the Smith River and to include them on the plan. Adam Tasker brought up a concern about maintenance of the Town docks if they get extended, and where the bubblers would be placed. Steve Durgan pointed out that

bubblers will not protect the docks against wind-driven ice movement and damage. There was also discussion about materials that would be used to extend the Town Docks, and pros and cons of natural wood versus various composite materials. There was general agreement that getting a cost estimate for the project should wait until after the public hearing on the proposal.

John Thurston moved to approve the revised concept plan for the extension of the Town Docks as presented today. Dave Senecal seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Linda Murray then moved to set a date for review of the final concept plan and details, and to set a public hearing date on the proposal. The date of May 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM was agreed upon, whereupon John Thurston seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

It was then moved by Linda Murray to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Adam Tasker, and then unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,
David Owen