

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Committee on Town Docks
Monday, January 9, 2017
Town Hall Annex Conference Room

Chairman Dave Senecal convened the meeting at 9:00 AM with the following additional Committee members in attendance: Linda Murray, Bob Tougher, Steve Durgan, John Thurston, Adam Tasker and Justin Chaffee. In addition, Dave Owen and Matt Sullivan from the Town's staff were in attendance as was Jim Rines of White Mountain Survey and Engineering.

Dave Senecal filled in members on the meeting with Captain James Morash of the M.S. Mount Washington that had occurred on December 30th with him, Jim Rines, Dave Owen and Matt Sullivan in attendance. Captain Morash was very supportive of the Town's desire to extend the Town Docks and felt that re-positioning the angle at which the Mt. Washington docks in Wolfboro would actually be beneficial to the ship's operations. This will require reconstruction of the Town dock where the Mt. Washington docks and the relocation of the rear piers to accommodate the new proposed docking position of the Mt. Washington.

Attention then shifted to the Town dock nearest the Bowers' property, and it was noted that it may be necessary to do a boundary line adjustment with the Bowers' property to enable that last dock to be extended as far as the other docks. This would require surveying both the Town property and the Bowers' property and obtaining planning board approval.

It was discussed that extending the Town docks to 200' in length from their current length of 160' or 140' would result in the Town docks being able to accommodate approximately 30 more boats than at present. Dave Senecal asked the Committee if this is the plan that the Committee supports. Steve Durgan stated that he believes this plan meets the Committee's goal. **He moved that the Committee accept this plan design as developed for us by Jim Rines. Dave Senecal seconded the motion, and the vote to approve it was unanimous.**

Linda Murray expressed concern about getting a price for these dock improvements and how the Town would be able to finance the project. John Thurston stated there were 2 separate proposals for plans to be considered and one was contingent on the other. In order to lengthen the town docks the Mount Washington approach and docking arrangement would change. It was pointed out that we need to talk to the Wolfboro Inn, which operates the Winnepesaukee Belle, and the New Hampshire Boat Museum, which operates the Millie B., about how these plans will affect their operations before we get too far along in planning these improvements. Town staff will follow up with these parties. Also, we need to meet with NHDES to discuss the Committee's plan, and get their feedback. Jim Rines offered to meet with NHDES to review this plan with them.

It was moved by Bob Tougher, and seconded by John Thurston, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2015 meeting of the Committee as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Relative to the next meeting of the Committee, it was decided to leave it open until after the meetings with NHDES and other parties and subject to the call of the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
David Owen