

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

January 29, 2025

Members present: Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Norma Dreyfus, Nick Stoneman, Jack Witham

Meeting called to order at 5:02.

Minutes of 10/24 meeting accepted.

\$52,000 Land for Maine's Future grant: Not yet received; Town attorney says all paperwork is good but has not yet gotten it to the Select Board for signing, despite multiple requests from Board. As a result we continue to pay interest on that much of the loan.

Options to pay down loan: \$80,000 remaining (once the LMF grant is received). Walter Briggs sent a note saying the options he saw were to sell the Town property on Rt 127 or to refinance for a longer term. Our further ideas include:

- Town vote to pay from general fund;
- Solicit large donations;
- Issue a Town debt note.

We consider refinancing an expensive idea; some residents have been opposed to selling the 127 property but its neighbors have expressed interest. BA and NS will meet with Bath Savings to find out likely terms; JW will talk to Sukey Heard. We will compile options and present them to the Select Board in late February.

Plans for coming year:

Waterside racks -- probably two 12-boat racks; occupancy system TBD. (BA and ND would like to donate boats, but providing boats seems like a liability problem.)

BA and NS will add flotation foam to the dock float.

We need to fix runoff water around the privy from the slope above.

CC will make labels for plantings.

Various possibilities for play areas.

Possible that a Bowdoin student could be enlisted for researching site history signage.

The privy is still being used and should be secured; BA will install a lock.

It would be good to open by early May; Kennebec Marine Services should be prompted accordingly.

The new Town website is up; nothing from WAMC is there yet; NS will talk to Walter.

Next meeting February 19, 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10.