

## Water Access Management Committee Minutes

October 24, 2024

Members present: Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Norma Dreyfus

Meeting called to order at 5:32.

WAMC meetings will henceforth be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 in Town Hall. During the winter meetings will only be held as necessary.

### Old Business:

Kennebec Marine Services has not removed the dock when they said they would -- Oct. 18. They have said we are "on the list", but otherwise have not responded to communications.

The Land for Maine's Future grant (\$52,000) has been awarded but not yet received. JW is working on that.

BA has talked to the Select Board about paying \$52,500 against the Bath Savings loan. About \$82,000 more will be needed to pay it off entirely.

The Water Access web page has not yet appeared.

NS rented a brush hog and gave the site a thorough fall mowing.

The stability bar has been ordered and received by Amy Smith and Bill Savedof; it can be installed any time.

Minutes of 9/25 meeting approved.

### New Business:

When the dock gallows is properly installed (by Kennebec Marine) the existing 6x6" supports will not be needed. WAMC will keep the material for future use.

Winter Activities: a Winter Solstice brushpile burn will be held.

ND offers a canoe for public use.

Feedback has been very positive; BA and CC have spoken to a number of residents who have had excellent experiences paddling, swimming or walking at the site. One visitor suggested to BA that an educational trail around the site might be a good idea, just as WAMC has planned.

There have been rumors about problems with young people drinking at the site. There is no evidence of this; the reports appear to be fabrications.

Phil Packard Jr. advised BA of an unnoticed dug well in the woods. BA and JW found and flagged it and built a solid cover for it.

Privy tank pumping will be put off until next year.

JW has produced a press release for local media outlets.

For tracking usage ND suggests a simple attendance board where visitors could put check marks to show they had been there. WAMC agrees that's better than a game camera.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.