

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

July 24, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Minutes of June 26th meeting approved.

The dock float was set afloat last week. The pier and ramp have been delivered and may be installed next week. A "Do Not Use" sign will be posted on the pier until ancillary work is completed and the official opening has been held.

The privy is built; it is to be painted in green semisolid stain. The ideal toilet requires fabrication of a stainless steel riser which would cost \$1400; this may be pursued later but for the present a \$100 plastic toilet will suffice. BA is acquiring other necessary fixtures (grab bar, paper holder, sanitizer dispenser).

The "good neighbor" fence is almost complete with about 100 feet yet to go. Signs are to be posted on it encouraging respect for the adjacent property.

Signage:

Town ordinances impose restrictions on size and number of signs, while making allowances for safety. Because of the amount of information required to communicate for safe operation of Packard's Landing the Committee will seek a variance to permit the necessary signs. JW has researched the requirements, designed a main sign and specced additional signs.

The main sign includes a map of the river area, site information, use description, tide advice, a QR code linked to current tide information, site restrictions, and sponsor acknowledgements. This should be posted on a kiosk alongside the boat unloading area.

Other necessary waterside signs include:

- No Parking / Loading and Unloading Only
- Handicapped Parking
- No Diving (sign on pier and stencil on float)
- a go/no-go gauge indicating safe launching times relative to tide

Signs at the parking area include a parking diagram, a "Carry in, carry out" notice and a Handicapped Accessible sign for the privy.

Signs on Indian Rest Road will be two No Parking signs, with the expectation that more could be necessary.

JW will get a quote for the signs needed. The question of whether to build the kiosk ourselves or to have it built and installed is put off pending Planning Board approval.

An official opening event is planned, but because of limited parking a Grand Opening is not possible. Instead, an "open house" type of event seems best, with notice to be given two weeks in advance in the weekly Town announcements email, to be followed by an after-the-fact press release.

A mowing schedule will be necessary to maintain open areas and encourage native wildflowers. Provisionally a schedule of mowing open areas once or twice every one or two years seems adequate. In addition to this a 3-4 foot walking path from the parking area to the dock will be mowed regularly.

Other ongoing budgeted maintenance will include hauling the dock out every fall and annually pumping the privy tank. The costs for these are not yet certain.

It is noted that there is currently no insurance on the barn, and a question whether insurance on the dock is needed.

ND needs expenditure information from BA to update the budget sheet.

Mid-May and mid-October are suggested as opening and closing dates for the site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.