

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

August 28, 2024

Members present: Ros Arienti, Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Nick Stoneman, Jack Witham

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

Minutes of July 24th meeting approved.

Budget Update:

[I caught a few of the numbers but will fill this in properly when we get the spreadsheet]

Recurring expenditures are expected to include:

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| Ramp in/out | \$500 |
| Privy tank pumping | \$450? |
| Mowing | TBD |

It is expected we can keep annual expenses within the amount provided by the boat excise tax.

The loan can be paid down to about \$80,000; \$10,000 will be held as a reserve fund.

BA and NS will update and distribute the budget spreadsheet.

The Land for Maine's Future grant requires a recent property survey. Sitelines [sp?] has been hired to produce this but it has been delayed. The report was to be delivered today and has not been.

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund grant has not yet been received.

John Wood is surveying the marsh gift from Sarah Mahoney and Dennis Sayce.

Packard's Landing Opening:

Sunday September 1, 11am; high tide.

BA proposes saying a few words himself, then releasing the assembly to appreciate the property and ask board members questions. Discussion develops about the advantages of a maximalist approach to the ceremony. A middle way is chosen, including some words from BA, possibly a Selectperson, possibly a State legislator, and possibly Phine Ewing. A ribbon is to be cut, and a ceremonial First Paddler launched.

First points of a Maintenance Plan were discussed, mainly concerning the setup and takedown of the ramp and float every year. Kennebec Marine offers a fair price but is not considered to respond to any schedule beyond their own. Mechanically it should not be necessary to remove the pier every fall but a permitting change may be necessary to leave it in place.

Fund Raising:

BA and NS are interested in holding fund-raising events; CC and JW are not, but not actively opposed. Current ideas include a dinner in the firehouse with entertainment and a sponsored Fun Run.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.