

## Water Access Management Committee Minutes

February 19, 2025

Members present: Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Norma Dreyfus

Meeting called to order at 5:00.

Minutes of 1/29 meeting accepted.

Select Board request for funding options: The Committee had come up with five options to pay off the remaining \$87,000 (once the Land for Maine's Future grant is received):

- A) Bob Ater, Nick Stoneman and Eileen Bonine spoke to Bath Savings about longer-term loans; terms of 5 or 7 years are available, at 5.5% or 5.68% respectively.
- B) Pay off the loan at once with Town funds -- Town Treasurer advises that such funds are not available.
- C) Hybrid of A and B.
- D) Seek donations in a fund drive.
- E) Sell the Town's property on Rt. 127.

BA will present these to the Select Board at their meeting on Feb. 24. The Committee declines to make a specific recommendation, as this is a decision for the Town.

Black Duck Land Trust: The recent notice of the Select Board approving transfer of the Packard's Landing property to Black Duck Land Trust caused some confusion. This is a strictly procedural matter to handle the combination of the Packard property with the additional marsh property given by Dennis Sayce and Sarah Mahoney.

The Land for Maine's Future grant has still not been received, as the paperwork has not been finally approved.

Committee members will study the new Town web site and consider what should be included on a Water Access page.

[Correction from NS: To clarify, the website design has been submitted to the Town, based off of the work we all did and approved for the previous webmaster who was unable to get it uploaded. Irene (who is now serving as a webmaster of sorts) has agreed to try and upload what we created and is getting back to us should there be any difficulties. It appears that what we created is generally congruent with the format used by the other Committees.]

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.