

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

April 16, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

Minutes of 3/19 meeting accepted.

Budget:

Finances table for inclusion in Town Meeting warrant presented and approved. Nick points out it should have a figure for loan interest cost; it will be added.

Workday, May 17, 9-2:

Light chores and potluck. Work includes burning brush, invasives removal, possible planting, stain privy trim, fix door in barn, finish fence, fix wet spot walkway.

Dock Installation:

Kennebec Marine Services has committed to having it reinstalled by the end of April. Management has changed there; we are hopeful they will be more predictable.

Land for Maine's Future grant:

Still not received. Jack has been intensely in touch with LMF; attorneys are being pushed to finish the deal. There has been a misunderstanding about our loan being a mortgage, which would require other procedures. The title transfer through Black Duck Trust closed at the end of February but LMF never received the title policy.

Waterside Boat Racks:

Select Board says that providing loaner boats would be a liability problem; also that to allow private boats to be stored on the racks would require a waiver of town responsibility for the personal property. Discussion of advantages of waterside racks vs. storage in barn; all options have risks; Nick dislikes having barn taken over for storage. Bob, Nick and Clarke vote for waterside racks, Jack abstains, Ros and Norma more in favor of barn storage.

Usage Tally:

Against the previous idea of a signature sheet, Norma suggests tally buckets with rocks. To be determined.

Town Website Page:

Grants and donations should be recognized; we want more pictures.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.