

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

June 18, 2025

Members present: Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Norma Dreyfus, Nick Stoneman

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

Minutes of 4/16 meeting accepted.

Budget

The \$51,000 Land for Maine's Future grant has been received.

The outstanding balance on the loan is now about \$86,000.

Land for Maine's Future can also provide up to \$5000 per year to match further expenses (not to pay the loan).

The Town Meeting warrant failed to include the usual article directing boat registration fees to the Water Access fund; a special meeting will be necessary to pass that.

Bob and Nick attended a Select Board meeting to discuss ways to pay down the remaining loan balance. It is felt that taking out a longer-term loan for that purpose is very uneconomical. There is some support for selling the Town property on Rt. 127. This is a matter that would have to be decided by a Town Meeting.

To Do

Erect a kiosk for usage and safety information and to post recognition of grantors and donations; this will include a usage counter and an iron ranger for voluntary contributions.

Bob suggests a mowing perimeter and the possibility of buying a mower appropriate to the terrain, likely to cost \$600-800. Jorgenson Landscaping might donate some mowing labor; Nick will contact Jason about that and mower recommendations.

We will meet on site to work out the best mowing route.

Guidance is needed from the Town attorney on any waivers that might be necessary for residents who store boats on waterside racks or in the barn.

Barn

Nate Andrews has patched the hole in the floor.

The back door is fixed and has a lockset installed.

Discussion over boat storage and liabilities for that.

Ideas for further uses are tabled for another time.

Bowdoin student Larson van Horn is doing volunteer historical research on the site to develop informational signage.

Bob is aware of maybe ten users recently; Nick knows of five.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.