

**York River Study Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**  
**September 27, 2016, Grant House, York**

Voting Members Present: Chuck Ott, Jean Demetracopoulos, Jack Murphy, Cindy Donnell, Stefan Claesson & Joan LeBlanc

Voting Members Absent: Bryce Waldrop, Steve Pelletier, Karen Arsenault, Judy Spiller, Thom Kearns & Beth Walter

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney, and Paul Dest

Visitors: Sarah O'Connor & Madison LaVine (York High School students)

2. Motion to accept minutes as presented: Jean, 2<sup>nd</sup> : Cindy accepted unanimously

Due to initial lack of quorum (arrival at 5:45) the agenda was taken out of order.

5. Jenn reported that she met with the Planning staff from York on 8/24. The York Code Enforcement Officer will leave a 1 page fact sheet from the Outreach committee at her office to help answer questions her office has been receiving about Study Committee work. They reviewed a timeline for any decisions to be solicited from York Town Meeting being 9 months prior to the November 2018 ballot.

Jenn also reviewed the months' outreach event dates and places with the committee. The ORV survey board was well received by the public at Eliot Festival Day and got 15 responses. The watershed map was notable & drew folks in.

3. The full committee received a recommendation from the ORV subcommittee to commission a fish study by the WNERR. **Motion to allocate \$16K for the fish study with the report to be completed by December of 2017:** Joan, 2<sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Passed unanimously.

Chuck will sign letter of intent/MOU based upon the scope and with status updates.

4. ORV subcommittee update: Joan reviewed other possible studies the committee is contemplating for recommendations to the full board. A Build-Out Scenario is in the early stages of exploration. (A meeting with a planning consultant is scheduled 10/5.) A Historical Resource Reconnaissance/ watershed wide is beyond the scope of this committee, but a more specifically sited reconnaissance is being investigated where no historic data is available.

Outreach subcommittee update: have produced factsheets a banner and photo loop. The will be taking a look at needs at their upcoming meeting.

6. Upcoming outreach meetings were reviewed: a postcard is being sent to all abutters to the River in York and Eliot prior to their meeting.

10/3 Eliot Historical Society & Conservation Commission

10/14& 15 York Village Marketfest

10/17 Present at York Public Library

10/24 Kittery Town Council Workshop

11/1 South Berwick Town Council Workshop

11/10 Eliot Select Board

Paul Dest, Jenn and Chuck will also be traveling to Augusta to meet with Judy Gates

Director of Environmental Services at DOT to provide her with an update.

7. Agenda item was placed for discussion only- review procedures and look to adjust as needed.

No changes needed at this time.

8. Bryce and Steve are tendering their resignation from the committee due to time constraints.

This leaves 2 vacancies.

9. Cindy has reported money for dredging the harbor has been allocated.

10. Discussion was offered regarding using studies as an opportunity to capitalize our outreach efforts with students from local schools, the public & the media.

Adjourn at 7:01