

York River Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

1. Welcome and introductions (5:30) – Chuck

Voting members present: Chairman Chuck Ott, Jean Demetracopoulos, Stephan Claesson ,
Jack Murphy, Cindy Donnell, Beth Walter, Thom Kearns, Judy Spiller, Michael Masi

Voting members absent: Karen Arsenault, Joan LeBlanc

Non- voting committee members present: Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney, Paul Dest

Additional attendees: Emma Lord, National Park Service; Paula Sewell, York Resident

2. Review minutes of February 28, 2017 meeting – Chuck

Motion to accept as written- Judy Spiller, 2nd: Jean Demetracopoulos - accepted unanimously

3. Funding and budget discussion [see budget handout] – Paul and Jenn

Reviewed by Jenn Cindy asked about Build-out study not being included in budget. ORV subcommittee had not felt comfortable including it until \$ in-hand were known.

4. Grant opportunities: Maine Coastal Program and others – Jenn

Jenn reviewed grant opportunity w/ Maine Coastal Program Community Grant. Consensus was to pursue Community Grant for build-out analyses using Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission as the applicant. (Only Towns with state-approved comprehensive plans can apply, so York and Kittery are ineligible.) Grant has a 25% non federal match component which requires us to use volunteer time as match and cash on hand received from York Land Trust as the cash match.

5. ORV Subcommittee –

- Monthly meeting plan [see ORV meeting plan and schedule]: *Jenn presented as written*
- Saltmarsh protection objectives for management plan: *Jenn presented. The goal will be for each presentation to create a similar “objectives” plan as events occur to be incorporated into the final management plan. Consensus approved this format.*
- Build-out Study *see above #4*

6. Outreach Subcommittee – Summer events: watershed walks [see March 9 meeting notes]

Goals of summer events are to have broader community participation in 3 outdoor watershed events.

7. Other updates or discussion items – Study Committee members

Emma has been working on “Study Report to Congress” gathering available and compiling information done to date.

8. Identify future agenda items – Chuck and Jenn

Added reporting out results of discussions with SMPDC for “build-out” grant proposal.

9. Adjourned 6:50