

## York River Study Committee

### York River Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Grant House, 200 US Route 1, York, Maine

Voting members present: chairman Chuck Ott, Karen Arsenault, Jean Demetracopoulos, Cindy Donnell, Thom Kearns, Joan LeBlanc, Mike Masi, Jack Murphy, Judy Spiller

Voting Members Absent: Stefan Claesson

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

1. Quarterly Review of Budget: Paul Dest  
The funds reflected in the budget provided by Paul represent monies directly managed by the Reserve. An amendment to the cooperative agreement between the Wells Reserve and NPS is in the works in preparation for any contingencies in receiving additional funding.
2. Review of Minutes: Chuck  
*On a motion made by Karen to accept the minutes of the March meeting and seconded by Cindy, passing unanimously.*
3. Review of Administration Framework: Paul  
Draft handed out that outlines how the structure would work should designation occur. Jim provided some examples based on plans already approved. Framework provides a foundation for transition time before designation. Many questions remain to be answered but this document provides a good preliminary draft that needs details filled in.
4. Town votes in November and December: Jenn  
Jenn reviewed draft language for warrant articles and discussed the different processes in each town: council votes vs. town votes with time frames for meeting with each respective town and the various procedures. York and Eliot have similar time frames for public hearings during the summer. Goal is to have final draft of Stewardship Plan by July. Jenn sending out letters to towns of York and Eliot this coming Friday requesting warrant articles for November. Joan felt Statement of Fact for warrant article was too vague for people who don't know about the study. It needs to be more "what it is" rather than "what it's not." Jenn will revise and resend to group for comments.
5. Review Draft Objective and Actions (all sections): Jenn  
Jenn handed out document which included three sections of the plan with objectives and suggestions for actions. Members of our advisory committee have had an opportunity to weigh in on this. It will be on the website May 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a Planning Board workshop scheduled on May 10<sup>th</sup> and other group meetings. As we are looking for feedback from residents of the four communities, we decided that we would open up our May 22<sup>nd</sup> Study Committee Meeting to anyone wishing to come forward to provide feedback in person. There will be other opportunities as well.
  - We want all groups to weigh in and be comfortable with goals.
  - Important to make clear that there are no specific commitments on the part of any organization.

- Highlighting partner organizations already working on certain objectives.
- Looking for new iconic images to be added to the text.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> is target date for completion of entire draft for input before July town workshops.

6. Meetings, events, activities: Jenn

Reviewed past meetings: SMPDC, MtA2C, Lawns to Lobsters/York and Kittery

Reviewed upcoming meetings and signed up volunteers for outreach events: May 10 York Planning Board Workshop, May 19<sup>th</sup> Voting Day York High School table, May 22 YRSC monthly meeting, May 24, Kittery Planning Board Workshop, June 6 South Berwick Planning Board meeting (tentative), TBD Eliot Planning Board Workshop, June 7 YRSC Outreach meeting, June 12 Eliot voting day, June 16 Kittery Block Party.

Three presentations in the fall: Eldredge event, Marketfest York, Eliot Festival Days.

7. Adjourn @ 7:30

Respectfully submitted  
Karen Arsenaault, Scribe