

**York River Study Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**November 26, 2019, Grant House, York**

*Voting Members Present:* Karen Arsenault, Mike Masi, Chuck Ott

*Voting Members Absent:* Stefan Claesson, Jean Demetracopoulos, Cindy Donnell, Thom Kearns, Joan LeBlanc, Jack Murphy, Judy Spiller

*Other Committee Members Present:* Paul Dest, Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney

There were not enough voting members present for a quorum. Members present discussed the agenda items but no actions/votes were taken.

5:30 p.m. – Discussion began

1. **Minutes of the October meeting:** No action.
2. **Status of NPS Study Report:** No new updates since last meeting. The committee has requested that Congresswoman Pingree's and Senator King's offices continue to follow up with NPS contacts on status of the report. Committee members did meet with Alex Pelczar, York County representative for Senator Collins, to provide a status update on the York River Wild and Scenic Study earlier this month. Paul reported that Congresswoman Pingree has new staff in Portland and D.C.
3. **Outreach activities and updates:** Jenn reported she met with Kittery Land Trust director Lisa Linehan in November, and there was a server update for our website. She did not overhaul the website content as planned last month but will in December or January. Jenn recommends the committee hire someone in 2020 to work on some technical aspects of the website that she is not able to comfortably complete, though nothing needs urgent attention.
4. **York Ready for 100% events on climate change:** The committee will have a table at the events. The first is planned for Wednesday, January 15 in the evening at York Community Auditorium. The events are intended for southern seacoast Maine communities, including all four watershed towns. Jenn will continue to work on the poster and a handout on the actions mentioned in our Stewardship Plan.
5. **YRSC community discussion forums in 2020:** The group identified a possible forum topic to continue discussion on the recently completed GEI study on York River Use and Capacity. Mike will ask the Harbor Board about its plans or next steps on the study. YRSC will revisit this agenda item in January, hopefully with more members present. With the committee participating in the two climate change forums in January and February/March, a YRSC organized forum would likely be best timed for April or May.
6. **Other items:** The group suggested cancelling the December monthly meeting.

Discussion concluded at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hunter