

York River Study Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

York Land Trust

Minutes

1. Welcome and New Stewardship Committee Member Introductions
2. Present: Study/Stewardship Committee: Karen Arsenault, Philip Brekke, Allan Cawrse, Beth Cromwell, Paul Dest, Sally Harold, Ed Henningsen, Karl Honkonen, Joan LeBlanc, David Marshall, Mike Masi, Mary Marshall, Chuck Ott, Susie Rice, Jim Smith, Judy Spiller. National Park Service: Jim MacCartney, Emma Lord, Hannah Volk. York Harbor Board: Mike Sinclair, Amanda Bouchard.
3. Approve Minutes: March 28, 2023: moved C. Otto; seconded K. Arsenault. Unanimous.
4. FY 24 Budget Update (Paul): Proposed FY 24 budget lower for two newest partnership rivers. Letter sent to Maine congressional delegation requesting full funding. Hopeful that will result. Cooperative agreement with Parks Service will guide five-year budget and steps associated with that budget. A report on activities required each year. Paul has provided that function and will continue ponce the Stewardship Committee becomes active.
5. Status of Municipal Appointments (Judy): Each of the four communities has appointed representatives, and full committee ready to start July 1.
6. Update on Designation Event (Karen, Paul, Judy): June 1 at 4 pm in York Golf and Tennis Club. Congresswomen Pingree keynote speaker. Invitations have gone out to Towns and those key in the designation process.
7. Stewardship Committee: First Steps and Enabling Documents (Judy, Paul): July meeting will begin with election of officers, agreement on procedural rules, and drafting bylaws. Hannah has researched bylaws from other partnership rivers. Will need some time for team building. Priority to hire program coordinator. Paul has been updating description used by the Study Committee.
8. Other Business: Mike Sinclair (York Harbor Board) mentioned that the Board meets once a month and encouraged members to attend.
Next meeting: 5:30 pm, June 27, 2023
9. Public Comment
10. Adjourned: Moved C. Ott, seconded K. Arsenault. Unanimous. 6:40 pm.

Approved: 6/27/23