

York River Study/Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

York Land Trust

Minutes

1. Present: Karen Arsenault, Philip Brekke, Allan Cawrse, Beth Cromwell, Sally Harold, Ed Henningsen, Joan LeBlanc, Deane Rykerson, Mary Marshall, Suzy Rice, Jim Smith, Judy Spiller. Paul Dest, Wells Reserve; Jim MacCartney, Emma Lord, Hannah Volk, US Parks Service. Mike Sinclair, Amanda Bouchard, York Harbor Board.
2. Approve Minutes: May 23, 2023 - Moved by K. Arsenault, seconded by A. Cawrse. Unanimous.
3. Debrief June 1 Event – Karen, Paul, Judy. Successful event thanks to Karen and Paul. Very well attended.
4. Discussion – Election of Stewardship Committee Officers. Election at first formal Stewardship Committee meeting: July 25.
Appoint Stewardship Committee Members to Draft By-Laws – Judy, Sally, Jim.
Review Draft Stewardship Committee Coordinator Job Description and Appoint Stewardship Committee Members for Search – Paul, Karen, and Sally will review description and Paul will post. Will be posted for thirty days. Members are encouraged to use their networks to spread the word.
5. Cooperative Agreement – Overview, FY24 Funds, Stewardship Committee Funding Priorities – Jim, Paul. Paul will send current cooperative agreement top committee. Fiscal year to begin on Oct 1. Currently, newly-designated York and Housatonic Rivers \$150,000 less than other partnership rivers. Sen King, ranking member of Senate Energy and Environment Committee aware. Committee funds administered through Wells Reserve with Paul serving as fiscal agent/treasurer. Committee needs to explore setting up its own 401 c 3 for future management.
6. Stewardship Committee Meeting Schedule – Set 2023 Dates and Time: 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm.
7. Other Business:
Committee needs to set its objectives based on Stewardship Plan and determine how it will function. Need top set up an orientation to York River stewardship. Session each meeting to provide overview for new members. Consider devoting a have day to team-building. Jim volunteered to provide boat rides.
Town of York Ad Hoc River Access Committee - Mike Sinclair. Mary and Beth will represent Committee.
8. Public Comment - none
9. Adjournment – Moved by A. Cawrse, seconded by J. LeBlanc. Unanimous. 7:00 pm.

Approved 07.25.23