

Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee Meeting Minutes October 10, 2012

Member present: Louise d. MacLellan-Ruf, Chair, Joan Wright, Annette Naegel, Peter Richardson, Lorrain Francis

Guests: Lisa Mead, Paul Powers

The chair called the meeting to order at 1600.

Approval of minutes: Joan approved, Peter seconded

Louise took out of order, with the committee's approval, Paul Powers from Alternative Rock. He offered a presentation on rock alternatives for the trail that are "local, reasonably priced, fun and attractive." He and his partner have designed a concrete material that is highly durable and ultimately more attractive than asphalt or simply concrete. Paul presented mock up pieces with design of crabs, lobsters and fish imbedded in the concrete. One fascinating element of the design that excited the committee is the ability to add a substance to make a lobster or crab glow in the dark. The pieces are 2x3feet and 2 inches deep. Uninstalled the cost estimate is \$2.70 a square foot. They are specialized pavers that are handicap accessible. Joan expressed concern about installing these pavers. It was agreed we need to explore engineering options about what work will be needed to guarantee they are placed properly. Committee members also thought in order to raise money for the HT individuals can buy a lobster or crab instead of a brick.

Paul also brought up the possibility of making artistic benches out of the same material. Estimating an 8ft bench would cost anywhere for \$500-\$800. Lorain noted that she had money for a bench on the Thorndike Parking lot. She reports she has grant money for Rockland Maine Street from the Environmental Funders Network. As this is RMS money Lorain will discuss with her people if this is something they are interested in. She will follow up with Paul independent from the HT committee.

Out and About with Al Gardiner has videoed some of the folks that walk the HT. He is willing to video more and place on local access as his time allows.

Annette will contact Voss about sign prices and sticker prices as this is the company Georges River Land Trust uses because of the low cost.

Joan managed to salvage and thus recycle signs from the Botanical Gardens; thank you Joan. She will check into regraphics and resurfacing of said signs.

Rodney Lynch has resigned from the Harbor Trail.

The committee unanimously voted on the new HT design. Lisa Mead was thanked for her contribution to the new design.

Meeting adjourned: 5:15PM

Next meeting November 14, 2012@4PM