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City of Rockland; Community Development Office

To: Louise MacLellan & Committee

From: John Holden, Community Development Director

Date: 6/7/2013

Re: Harbor Trail Signs update; Recommended Next Stage of Development

As promised, I am providing this update to the Committee based, in part, on our meeting as well as a positive meeting with Staff from Maine DOT.

On the signage, as agreed, we will be placing the order for the signage as previously approved by the Committee. We will order 50 each of the Trail Sign as well as the directional arrow sign.

The signs will be aluminum. When in, Public Works staff will place signs on the existing poles and we will place additional signs and poles in location to be determined by the Plan and as reviewed and recommended by your Committee.

I am attaching the items we reviewed.

I encourage the Committee to begin considering its recommendations for the next investment in Harbor Trail. I propose we follow the Plan, with some modifications, and begin with the Trail starting from Snow Marine Park and the Sharpe Property. Attached is the alternative route I shared with you.

After we met, I had a good meeting with Maine DOT and the Director of trail funds. He was very excited about the Harbor Trail. He agreed with my assessment regarding the rail crossing—much better to do so at the road crossing. He and I also discussed funding options and I will share that with the Committee when next they meet (after June 12 meeting).

I suggest your Committee review and revisit the Plan and begin with focus on pages 2-16 through 2-19 (and the associated 6-69 through 6-71). I suggest the Committee review this and at a following meeting I review with them, offer my input, and we can prepare an action plan to begin development of this section of the Trail.

I look forward to reviewing with you the comments, input, and suggestions from the Committee's June 12 meeting. I know you understand my absence, but please share with the Committee.