

**Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee January 08, 2014
Minutes**

Attendees: (apologies for misspelling)
Louise Ruf-MacLellan, Chair
John Holden, Community Development Director
Peter Richardson
Joan Wright (member)
Dean Felton
David Wylie (member)
Virginia Slawson (member)

(Note: HT used as acronym and abbreviation for Harbor Trail)

The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved with corrections.

New member David Wiley was welcomed to Committee

J Holden informed the Committee of his outreach to the arts community and intent to prepare, over time with civic engagement, an Community & Arts Development Plan (sometimes referred to as a Cultural Plan). Will keep and include Harbor Trail members up to date and involved as discussion moves towards location of art or displays along Harbor Trail.

J Holden noted but did not have available draft plans for HT at Lermond Cove (from Ferry Terminal Park to Lindsey Brook outfall). Plans are still draft and need to be presented to landowners for consideration of easements and input. Hope is to move this along and seek some funding for this portion of trail in 2014.

The Chair noted special thanks to Lorain Warner and her support of Harbor Trail as Executive Director with Rockland Main Street, Inc. Lorain has taken position as Executive Director of Main Street Maine Program.

J Holden updated the Committee that the City's submission to the Land & Water Conservation Fund to build the Boardwalk (HT) at Harbor Park was not successful. He is still awaiting word on the request to Recreation Trail Program for funding of Mechanic & Atlantic Streets. John hopes to find room in the budget being developed for a Community Development Block Grant for the Lermond Cove portion of HT.

J Holden reminded Committee that the City will be making improvements to the Thorndike Parking Lot and it is expected that the "alternate" HT route along east side of parking lot will be included. Landmark Surveyors & Engineers have been retained for design and engineering for that project and Landmark is still under contract to support additional design and engineering for the Mechanic and Atlantic Streets. The City is awaiting word on RTP grant before engaging them further in that work.

J Holden passed along information and link to East Coast Greenway project. City is part of this "trail" but not necessarily HT. J Holden will be in contact with ECG to review.

J Holden asked for Committee input on priorities for next stages of HT. He noted his focus has been on Atlantic & Mechanic Streets and to some degree Harbor Park. Committee generally agreed with

primary focus on “south end” of the Trail to connect between Snow Marine Park and Harbor Park. J Wright suggested a small project that may be considered higher in priority (due to its likely low cost) would be a set of stairs from Police Plaza (road and parking) to Park Street. P Richardson suggested the City approach the landowner where the last remaining lime kiln is located to seek securing and perhaps restoring it and including signage to note its significance.

The Committee reviewed previously completed proposed locations and outlines of historic markings (panels). A general consensus for priority of these were around Panel 1 and 2 and to a lesser degree number 3. J Holden will work to get designs proposed or research by L Francis and to begin to price these out and develop funding plan for installations.

Meeting adjourned.