

Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee March 11, 2015 Minutes

Attendees:

Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Chair
Audra Caler-Bell, Community & Economic Development Director
Joan Wright (member)
Dean Felton (member)
Virginia Slawson (member)
Annette Naegel (member)

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

The minutes of the November January 8th, 2014 meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

L MacLellan-Ruf informed the Committee of the status of Mechanic Street segment of the trail, which is on hold due to Council staff questions around the design. HT Committee will send a formal letter to the City Manager requesting the project to be moved forward and put out to bid with the current design.

Markers will be placed in Spring 2015.

Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) – Joint event to highlight keeping coast clean; part of Maine Coastal Program’s Coast Week. Event will be a partnership between HT Committee and GRLT – event can focus on a section of trail and highlight it’s there. Snow Marine park and Mechanic Street segment would be appropriate given RTP project.

HT Committee discussed a number of ideas for the event and other activities that HT Committee could become involved with that focus on preventing coastal pollution/erosion and promoting beautification and appropriate land use. The Committee determined the following:

- V Slawson and A Naegal will develop a plan for the event that could include the following:
 - Impact of litter & pollution:
 - Annette will identify areas along the coast (& HT) which volunteers could clean up
 - As a potential activity for the event Joan will work on a project to identify types of rubbish found on the coast and the impact on coastal habitats & environment;
 - Plantings:
 - This is potentially a side project but may also be integrated in the event - Virginia will liaise with the Cooperative Extension on appropriate plantings for HT and the Home Depot to source the plants & equipment;
 - Public Art:
 - As another potential activity for the event Dean will work with local artists who make art from jettison & rubbish to see if there is opportunity for them to do an interactive installation
 - Virginia will ask Jaren Cowan if he would be willing to participate; and
- HT Committee will brainstorm ideas for the name of the event
- L MacLellan-Ruf will speak with Captain Sharpe about use of property/facilities for event
- A Caler-Bell will assist in writing press release when the Committee is ready
- J Wright will speak to school principals re: environmental education and school participation

- A Naegal will contact Dragon Cement if they would like to participate

Meeting adjourned.