

**Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee May 28, 2014
Minutes**

Attendees:

Louise Ruf-MacLellan, Chair
Peter Richardson (member)
David Wylie (member)
Virginia Slawson (member)
Joan Wright (member)
Annette Naegel (member)
John Holden, Community Development Director
Gordon Page, Rockland Main Street, Inc.

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

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved

J Holden updated the Committee that the \$35,000 Recreation Trails Program grant was approved by the State and that he is working with Landmark Surveyors and Engineers to begin designs and engineering of the HT along Mechanic Street. Landmark had worked with the HT Committee prior to J Holden's arrival on some design aspects of Atlantic Street and that contract has been revised and extended. Landmark will meet with the Committee to refresh memory of that prior meeting(s) and to focus in on the surface and design for the HT on Mechanic as part of this grant project. The meeting with Landmark will be in either July or August.

J Holden reminded the committee of previously review plans to relocate HT within the Sharp property in order to avoid crossing another property and a new railroad crossing. The Committee reviewed the revised re-route and voted, unanimously to approve this route. J Holden has discussed this route with Captain Sharp and a revised easement will need City Council approval. With HT Committee vote and approval J Holden will take this to Council. J Holden reported that he has had and is still in talks with E Spear regarding an easement at Lermond Cove. P Richardson shared with the Committee that the Rockland Historical Society has written Mr. Spear to ask about preservation of the Kiln on his property on Main Street. J Holden noted that replacement of the sign that use to be on Main Street has been discussed with Mr. Spear and will be part of the new sign HT historic sign program.

J Holden reminded and announced that a joint meeting of Parks Commission, Harbor Commission and HT Committee is planned for June 17 at 4:00 PM at Snow Marine Park. This is a planning charette and open to the public to consider future ideas and development plans for the Park. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting is for public input and ideas and that no plans are in the works for any improvements to the Park but that this is only early steps to consider future plans.

J Holden has contracted with Wilder by Design to help the HT Committee select historic marker for the HT. Amy Files, owner, will come to the July HT meeting to inform the Committee on possible types of markers, costs, and designs of information plates. From there, she will provide recommendations on types of markers, costs, and the Committee can review a placement schedule. J Wright noted that she had secured a number of previous sign plaens that may be reused. J Holden will ask A Files to review these for their rusability.

J Holden reported that he has driven and walked the HT route with Public Works and identified all locations for new HT signs along the entire length. Intent is that signs will be posted this summer and

following completion, there will be a press release of some kind.

J Holden reminded the Committee of the East Coast Greenway program. A Naegel volunteered to look into this more, encourage wrapping HT into the ECG, and reporting back to the Committee what she finds.

G Page updated the Committee that Rockland Main Street, Inc. secured \$5,000 to purchase and install bike racks near the HT, a new sign at the public restroom on Tillson Avenue, and a trail map. He got Committee input on the relative allocation of funds on the budget as there is some flexibility on how much is put to each line item. With the Committee input he will work with the City to order and get items installed.

The next meetings was not set awaiting confirmation from consultants on signs and Mechanic Street.

Meeting adjourned.