

Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee June 10, 2015
Minutes

Attendees:

Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Chair

Captain Jim Sharp

Captain Daniel Bennett

Meg Sharp

Peter Richardson (member)

Audra Caler-Bell, Community & Economic Development Director

Joan Wright (member)

Dean Felton (member)

Virginia Slawson (member)

Gordon Page, Rockland Main Street Inc.

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

The minutes of the April 8th, 2015 meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

The HT Committee discussed a press release and photo opportunity to publicize the Mechanic Street segment of the trail being under construction. A Caler-Bell will write the press release and take the photo. The photo will be on Friday the 12th of June at 2pm.

The Committee determined that because of the completion of construction on the Thorndike Parking Lot the bridge over Lermond Cove is the next biggest HT priority. Captain Daniel Bennett spoke to the committee about a variety of different options for constructing a bridge. He specifically spoke about Granite rip rap currently on site being moved to decrease the span of the bridge. There was also discussion that a gangway would be the easiest solution but a visually appealing bridge may be the best option to improve the amenity of this location.

G Page spoke about the need for engineering design work prior to any installation of a bridge – much like what was done with Mechanic Street.

L MacLellan-Ruf agreed the engineering study was an important step but at this stage the Committee is developing a high level vision and plan for the Lermond Cove bridge.

V Slawson – Not sure the plan for Lermond Cove is the most recent plan – parking spaces seem to be missing on property and does not reflect a change in the location of propane tanks.

A Caler-Bell – Will make sure final Lermond Cove plan is sent through and circulated to HT Committee.

L MacLellan-Ruf – Will invite Capt. Bennett back to HT Committee meeting when engineers have presented the design/information on the bridge and how it will sit.

A Caler-Bell will reach out to the following organizations regarding bridge construction:

- Prock Marine
- AIT (Bridge in a Bag)

- Tech School
- Rockport Steel
- Retired Engineers
- Steelpro

The HT Committee discussed the need for a loop around Tillson Ave and the need to ensure HT is included in any redevelopment of Tillson Ave. L MacLellan-Ruf advised that the A Caler-Bell is working with REDAC and any potential developers to ensure there is integration of HT.

Capt. Sharp asked about need for an easement at Sharp's Point South for Mechanic Street segment. L MacLellan-Ruf explained that easement wasn't required but Capt. Sharpe could choose to grant the City and easement. A Caler-Bell will meet with Capt. Sharpe to discuss details of the easement agreement.

L MacLellan-Ruf will do regular segments with Rick Smalley around different HT locations. Great opportunity for publicizing HT.

Meeting adjourned.