

Ad Hoc Harbor Trail Committee July 8, 2015
Minutes

Attendees:

Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Chair

Peter Richardson (member)

Dean Felton (member)

Virginia Slawson (member)

Gordon Page, Rockland Main Street Inc.

Audra Caler-Bell, Community & Economic Development Director

Apologies: Joan Wright and Annette Naegel

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

The minutes of the June 8th, 2015 meeting were approved.

An update was provided on Mechanic Street – the project is currently on track to be completed by the beginning of August.

The committee discussed signage at the railroad crossing (near Atlantic Street) to better demarcate the route of Harbor Trail. A Caler-Bell will work with Public Services to install an arrow sign that points left upon completion of construction.

There was a discussion about the need to move picnic tables into Snow Marine Park. HT Committee would like to make a recommendation to do so. There was also a discussion on a South End capital campaign to fund benches, picnic tables and historic panel signage.

HT Committee spoke at length about the interest in art benches and sculptural installations along Harbor Trail. HT Committee would like to begin the process of working with the City to run an RFP process for both functional art (i.e. benches) and sculptures. There were a number of ideas for how this could be funded including stipends, dedications, etc.

G Page agreed to reach out to Our Town Belfast ED to ask about Belfast's Bench Program.

V Slawson suggested the RFP be run at least 5 months prior to when the benches and sculptures should be installed in order to give Artists enough time to respond.

HT Committee agreed to discuss fundraising at the next meeting and decide the number of art pieces to be included.

Meeting adjourned.