

Jackson's Landing Committee Minutes of December 19, 2005 Meeting

1. Introductions

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Present: Judith Spangler, Neil Niman, Denny Byrne, Robbi Woodburn, Mike Lynch, Mike Sievert, Rick Szilagyi, Derick Willson, Pete Cathey, John Parry and Dwight Baldwin

2. Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the November 22, 2005 were read and approved with minor corrections.

3. Confirmation of Committee's draft goals. After considerable discussion, the goals of the Committee were modified as follows (see time line below):

- a. Gather public and professional input on potential improvements at Jackson's Landing that will optimize recreation, aesthetics and community development benefits, while protecting natural resources in the area.
- b. Develop a conceptual plan that would recommend needed improvements and define steps to be taken to implement these improvements by March 15th.
- c. Develop a final proposal/plan for implementation of the conceptual plan (including possible sources of funding) by June 15th.

Additional discussion followed concerning the time line that would need to be followed if the Committee is to complete the final proposal/plan by June 15th. The suggested schedule is as follows:

Topographic map completed	Mid January
Public input session	Early February
Draft of a conceptual plan	March 15, 2006
Prepare video program about project	April 1, 2006
Public hearing to show our dreams	Mid April
Presentations to Planning Board and the ZBA	Late April
Draft of final proposal/plan for Committee review	June 1, 2006
Proposal/plan to Council	Mid June
Other deadlines are to be recognized as we proceed.	

4. Proposal to hire engineering firm to do a topographic survey of site. Robbi Woodburn presented a proposal from Doucet Surveying, Inc. to survey Jackson's Landing at a 2- foot contour interval, to conduct a wetlands assessment (to be done by NH Soils) and to present the data in digital format to the Town. Cost of project would be \$5,400. To do a boundary survey would add an additional \$5,900. Mike Lynch informed the Committee that he had secured at total of \$6,000 from the Public Works' and Town Administrator's budgets to cover the cost of the survey. The Committee asked Mike Lynch to see that a contract is signed just as soon as possible so that the work can be done in the next month.

5. Document current users of the site. Judith Spang presented an estimate of the average number of rowers using the Landing each year (see attached sheet). These estimates did not include: (1) use of the Hockey Rink by the Oyster River Youth Association and (2) other users as indicated on the attached sheet. *John Parry* volunteered to find out how many boats were registered in Durham to get some sort of estimate on how many people might be launching motor boats at the landing and *Rick Szilagyi* volunteered to come up with numbers of people who use the ice rink during the late fall, winter and early spring. It was also noted that the number of people who use the site would undoubtedly increase if the Landing became a more attractive recreational resource.

6. Brainstorming of goals/visions for use of Landing. Topic left for the next meeting on January 9, 2006.

7. Funding/resource opportunities. It was felt that it is a bit too early to specify funding sources at this time.

8. Selection of area(s) of responsibility of Committee members. Topic left to our January meetings.

9. Homework for all before January 9, 2006 meeting. All Committee members were given the charge of coming to our next meeting with:

- (1) A listing of our "dream uses" of the property.
- (2) A listing of the subgroups that will need to be established in order to get the work accomplished.
- (3) Suggestions for how we might organize the public meetings that are planned.

10. Next meetings.

Monday, January 9, 2006, Council Chambers, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30, 2006, Council Chambers, 4:30 p.m.