

**Jackson's Landing Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2006**  
**4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Present:**

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**1. Minutes of December 19, 2005. - Approved**

**2. Report on additional number of users of Jackson Landing.**

Derek gave a brief summary of some of the ORYA uses at Jackson's Landing Churchill Rink. The rink is used for hockey approximately 22 hours per week. This would include about 150 youth and 150 adult users per week. This does not include open rec. skating. **He and Rick will try to further research this and come up with more precise numbers.**

John had contacted the Port Authority and the Town to quantify boat use. The Town is looking into trailer registrations, and **John will get this for next time.** The Port Authority reported that there are 39 moorings in the Oyster river, and an additional 50 moorings in Little Bay with close proximity to the Oyster River. There are a total of 1700 moorings in the Port Authorities jurisdiction (Great Bay and 5 rivers).

A discussion followed to better define the most useful numbers we need to collect. If possible we want to quantify uses by;  
type of activity (use), age group, time period of day, season.

**3. Parking issues were discussed.** At one time (years ago) there were some complaints about lack of adequate parking during heavy use by rowing groups. That did not seem to be as much of a problem now. There is heavy use during peak times for ice arena use. Current head in parking on the road helps, but to the east the road gets too narrow for this. Also the drainage along this area can be a problem.

4. Work should be completed on the site mapping work, and a **map will be available by the next meeting**. Doucet Surveying, Inc. will survey Jackson's Landing at a 2- foot contour interval, and NH soils will conduct a wetlands assessment.

5. Discussion of the "dreams" of Committee members for improving the Landing.

Improve mooring for boating use.

Have kayaks racks available for residents.

Need more green space on waterfront with picnic site and shelter

Board walk/trail to east knoll to increase natural area.

Use ice arena more in off season – create more community interaction

Docks are OK for boats – need hardware

Build restrooms

Expand parking across street – put trailers there

More green space on water

Skateboard park on north side of road

Build inexpensive community center with ORYA offices, have classes and recreation programs.

Improve boat launching

Better facility for rink - heated seating

Improve parking lot

Replace docking system – put it farther out

Dredge the river – site improvements are less useful without useable river

Expand boathouse or build new one

Improve docks

Put in benches and lighting, water fountain

Bathrooms with showers

Tree planting

Mark the channel

Snack bar/restaurant

Make it a more park like setting

Provide canoes and kayaks

Provide tidal information on sign to aid boat launching

Build new boat ramp – move it to east side of property

Redo dock with two levels for small and large boats

Create pathways

Expand boathouse

Create indoor space for youth programs

Build a recreation center with basketball courts  
Include an ORYA office  
Create more space around the rink to make improvements  
Put in a heated seating area  
Build a skate board park that would blend in

Build trails with fitness stations  
Build a boathouse with good architecture  
Have a rescue boat for the fire department

Think about long-range planning for related parks – tie them together  
Have an ecological/nature focus on project

Look at whole site and redesign  
Grade/fill gully to gain space  
Dredge the river

Create a boardwalk to natural area

Create some connectivity to Town with signs, etc. – river walk feel  
Reroute road to north so it does not divide the property – create a campus feel  
Increase green space  
Include disability or universal access in design

4. Develop ideas concerning what needs to be done to prepare for our first public-input meeting in early February.  
Tabled to Jan. 30

6. Develop subgroups necessary to get the work done.  
Tabled to next meeting

7. Adjournment.

Next meeting Jan. 30, 4:30 – 6:00