

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

Present:

Neil Niman (Neil@orbit.unh.edu)
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Dwight Baldwin (bdbaldwin@earthlink.net)

1. Minutes of January 9, 2006 were approved. Neil Niman noted that two homes adjacent to the Jackson's Landing have been put on the market. It is uncertain if the Town would be interested in these small properties. He also noted that the Durham Library Committee still has some interest in Jackson Landing as a new library site but they do not feel it is the best location when considering all candidates.

2. The new site map with a two-foot contour interval, cultural features and property lines was available for study. The map looks great and will greatly expedite the work of the Committee.

3. John Parry reported that there are approximately 30 boat trailers registered in Durham. These represent potential users of the launching ramp at the Landing. This figure may be low, however, inasmuch as people are not using boats in the winter months and have let their registration slip. It was also noted that more boaters might use the Landing if there was a well-maintained launching ramp.

The number of ORYA people using the Landing, their activity (use), age distribution, and the time of day and season that the facility is used were not reported because the ORYA members of the Committee were not in attendance.

4. Considerable time was spent discussing the format and date for the public meeting to be held to get citizen's input/dreams regarding use of the Landing. The following was agreed upon:

- a. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on February 28, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. assuming that the Chambers are available. **Mike Lynch** is to check about the room. If not, March 2nd was set as an alternative date.

b. *Publicity* – (1) **Robbi Woodburn** will prepare a news release to be sent to the Foster's Daily Democrat. Robbi will prepare a draft to share with committee members. (2) **Mike Lynch** will see that blue signs are made which will be placed on the two town events sign boards at the intersections of Main Street with Madbury Road and _____ Road. (3) **Mike Lynch** will also contact Todd Selig to ask that he start announcing the meeting in his weekly newsletter as well as arrange to have the meeting advertised on the Towns DCAT channel. (4) **John Parry** will have posters printed to be placed around town.

c. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be good to have the meeting taped so as to allow it to be shown on the DCAT channel for those who could not attend the meeting. It was felt that taping would be better than having it live given the informal nature of the meeting that is contemplated.

d. *Meeting Format* – (1) The meeting will open with a very short formal presentation by Robbi Woodburn giving an overview of the Landing its location, its size, how it is currently used and problems at the site which have developed over the years. (2) The longest part of the meeting will be held in an informal setting with using a charrette format. There will be a number of "stations" around the room each having a theme such as; "waterfront", "play ground", "boat house", "ice rink", "picnicking/relaxation", "walking" and "ecosystem education". People will be asked to rotate around to the stations ~~gather at the station(s)~~ that interest them and to present to the moderator at each station her/his idea(s) for improvement. These ideas will be written down on large pieces of paper by the moderators (JLC members). Moderators will also help encourage discussion and ideas. Following this public input, "dreams of the JLC which were not mentioned by the public will be added. (3) Following this informal session, the group will be gathered again to go over the suggestions that were made at each station, and to provide additional "big picture ideas. (4) At the end of the meeting each attendee will be given 5 self adhesive colored dots and will be asked to put a dot on the five "improvements" that he/she feels would make the greatest improvement to the Landing.

Committee members will gather at 6:30 p.m. to get ready for the meeting.

e. The co-chairs will bring flip charts, supplies and cookies and juice.

5. The next meeting was set for March 6, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. assuming the room is available.