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

Present:

Neil Niman (<u>Neil@orbit.unh.edu</u>) Robbi Woodburn (<u>robwoodburn@comcast.net</u>) Mike Lynch (<u>mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us</u>) Pete Cathey (<u>pete.cathey@unh.edu</u>) Mike Hoffman (<u>mhoffman33@comcast.net</u>) Marc Lessard (<u>marc.lessard@unh.edu</u>) Jared Wright-Ward (<u>jwright-ward@jsainc.com</u>) Rick Szilagyi (<u>rick@oryanh.org</u>) John Parry (<u>jparry@fs.fed.us</u>) Dwight Baldwin (<u>bdbaldwin@earthlink.net</u>)

- 1. Highlights of the Public Meeting on February 28th were discussed. Some popular ideas at the community meeting included developing a nature trail, creation of Master Plan for all Town-owned waterfront land, moving of parking from the waterfront area, creation of a skateboard park, etc.
- 2. With the large number of goals that have been offered, it was suggested that we need to prioritize the activities. John and Dwight will develop a matrix to do this.
- 3. Robbi Woodburn offered to begin development of a master plan based on our priority goals.
- 4. We may need to revisit our timeline and back this off to complete needed tasks. We will look at this at the next meeting.

5. The remainder of the meeting was spent talking about next steps, including ways to organize committee subgroups so as to more efficiently accomplish priority goals. It was agreed that the Committee would break up into the five subgroups listed below, and that each member of the Committee would select one or two of these groups to work on. The task of each subgroup would be to define in as much detail as possible the work needed to implement the priority goals and pursue *possible funding sources* for each of the projects.

a. **Engineering/Environment** – This subgroup would look at such things as erosion control measures, drainage issues, set-back restrictions and all other such issues pertaining to improving the Landing.

b. **Landscape/Site Planning** – Issues to be addressed include recreational activities (*other than boating*) such as picnic areas, the creation of trails and a boardwalk over the wetlands, development of a plan for adequate parking, creation of a skateboard park, development of ecological information for visitors and other opportunities that seem appropriate for the site.

c. Architectural plans – This subgroup would investigate the architectural opportunities/challenges with respect to construction of a new boat house/Town meeting space and upgrade of the skating rink

d. **Boating Issues** – This large area would include such things as creation of a plan to upgrade the docking facilities, improvement of the boat-launching ramp, development of a canoe/kayak rental facility, construction of a kiosk on which would be posted weekly tide tables and other timely information, improve signage, etc.

e. **Development of a Master Waterfront Plan for the Town** – This subgroup would be charged with developing a master plan which would make suggestions on how all Town-owned property having frontage on the Oyster River could be tied together both physically and from the standpoint of appropriate use at each site.

The next meeting of the Jackson's Landing Committee is Monday, March 27, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall.