Jackson's Landing Committee Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2006

Attending; Denny Byrne UNH Campus Rec. Pete Cathey **UNH Rowing** Nick Isaak Architect, Planning Board Marc Lessard UNH Space Science Center/ Mike Lynch Supervisor DPW Neil Niman Parks & Rec. Committee Laurie Potter **Playground Committee** Judith Spang **Durham Rowing Club** Landscape Architect Robbi Woodburn Jared Wright-Ward Conservation Commission Dwight Baldwin John Parry Parks & Rec. Committee

Minutes from March 27 approved

Dwight asked about timing of meetings - meetings will stay the same as scheduled, 4:30 – 6:00, Mondays where possible. **Next meeting April 24, 4:30**

1. Robbi presented a revised master plan with the following changes/additions;

Moved upper parking out of wetlands as much as possible. Upper parking will extend into wetland. There is a 10 foot drop to the east which would have to be graded into – 30 feet or retaining wall installed. At least 25 parking spots needed for library.

Showed 2 proposals for a parking/library combination. This would result in less or no room for skateboard park. Added library footprint of 6400 square foot.

Revised lower parking area (between rink and boat house) to use retaining wall so that grade out would not effect wooded ravine area as much.

Revised plan in boat ramp area to allow for trailer parking.

Reconfigured boat house to 4 ½ bays to get it out of wetlands

Ice rink expansion moved to the north side.

1. The rest of the meeting involved discussion/suggestions on this plan, including;

Placement of trail boardwalk was discussed. Need to place the board walk in most aesthetic location.

Upper level on community center would include community room that could be rented out and provide revenue.

Library on this site is dependent on purchasing the two lots for sale on Rt. 4 (\$200,000 – 300,000 each?). Consensus was that it may make more sense to locate library on Jakes land across Rt. 4 rather than shoe horn it onto site.

Should we consider moving ice rink to north side of street to have parking more central?. Rink may need significant repair/replacement soon any way. Consensus was that space limitations would not allow this. Might concentrate on conservative improvements to current rink with awareness that it is old and will need increasing attention in the future.

River access is poor at JL, trailer parking a challenge, and no room for growth. Suggestion was made to consider moving boathouse to business park where water access is better. Town has right of way from end of Piscatuqua Road to business park which could be used as a bike/walking path to that site. Business Park could be sold with town rights to waterfront park/boat house as a requirement. Could be an attraction for businesses. Boathouse would need to be near treatment plant to access water. Jim Campbell had plans for a boathouse at Grants Circle. What about odor, aesthetics, etc. next to plant?

Develop a master plan with phases – first phase would be easier, less expensive actions, such as landscaping, trail construction, erosion control, minor facility improvements, etc. Second phase could be more challenging issues.

Meeting ended at 6:00

Jackson's Landing Master Plan Draft 1, March 27, 2006

