

**Jackson's Landing Committee
Minutes of May 8, 2006 Meeting
4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall**

Present:

Mike Hoffman
Mike Lynch
Nick Issak
Mark Lessard
Scott Hovey
Jared Wright-Ward
Mike Sievert
Neil Niman
Laurie Potter
Rick Szilagyi
Pete Cathey
John Parry
Dwight Baldwin

1. The minutes of April 10 and April 24, 2006 were approved
2. Jared Wright-Ward presented his ideas for the enlargement of the Town ice rink. He suggests the extension of the rink at both ends and the side towards the river. In so doing, the rink would be closed in. These modifications would include the following improvements: the complete closing in of the ice will eliminate sun melting the ice in places; creation of office and storage space for the ORYA; eliminate certain safety concerns; and provide stands for parents, locker rooms for players and a food court for visitors. The idea was met with enthusiasm and Jared was encouraged to go ahead and work up details on costs and specific design. It was also suggested that he and others on the Architectural Working Group work closely with Mike Mullany who has volunteered to work towards finding ideas and money for improving the arena.
3. Robbi Woodburn was not able to attend the meeting.
4. Because time was running out, it was decided to discuss revisiting the timeline for submission of the final recommendations to Council to another meeting.
5. Considerable discussion then followed concerning how development of the Landing is tied into the issues of the construction of new boat house/Town-meeting area and dredging of the river. Ultimately, a consensus was reached as follows: (1) the dredging of the river is a long-term goal which has major implications on where a new boathouse might be built; (2) because of the political and economic implications of dredging the river, it was agreed that we should go

ahead and develop ideas for upgrading the landing that could be accomplished in the next 5-year time frame and which are not dependent upon dredging; (3) ideally it was felt that a new boat house would best be located at Jackson's Landing; but space is limited and construction could not occur there unless the river was dredged; (4) in our short-term planning for the Landing, the possible location for the new boat house at Jackson's Landing (over the long term) will be considered and (5) land would be set aside in the developing plans for a business park at the Arthur Grant Circle for a new boat house; the water is deep enough there at the present time to allow reasonable access to the water. It was agreed that the case for dredging would be much stronger when the Town can show that the river has become a heavily used recreational resource for a wide cross section of Durham citizens.

6. It was the consensus that it is now time to break the JLC down into smaller task groups. Everyone present was encouraged to sign up for one or more of the five groups. A listing is shown below. The responsibilities of each of subgroup is as follows:

a. Brainstorm and prioritize ideas which have been suggested for upgrading Jackson's Landing and developing a master plan for waterfront property owned by the Town. The listing of priorities should be grouped into Phase I and Phase II projects. Phase I projects would include those which realistically could be accomplished in the next 5 years. Phase II projects would be those that we would hope to accomplish in a time frame greater than 5 years.

b. Each Task Group should come up with specific plans for how to accomplish the ideas in each Phase. These plan(s) will include a;

- (1) Description of the project to include such things as who would be the users of the improvements, etc..
- (2) How long would it take to accomplish the work.
- (3) Drawings/sketches of the project.
- (4) Recommendations on how funds would be found to pay for the work.

If the work cannot be accomplished without major cost to the town, the report should also include the names of specific funding sources to which grant applications could be sent. The report should be in a format such that it can stand-alone and become a chapter in the final report that we will submit to Council.

Volunteers for the five Task Groups are as follows. *There are some who have not indicated that they will serve on one or more task groups. If you can help, please let John or Dwight know.*

- a. **Engineering/Environment:** Mike Lynch, Robbi Woodburn, Dwight Baldwin, Mike Sievert
- b. **Landscaping/Site Planning:** Robbi Woodburn, Laurie Potter, John Parry, Dwight Baldwin, Mike Sievert
- c. **Architectural Plans:** Marc Lessard, Pete Cathy, Nick Issak, Jared Wright-Ward, Rick Szilagyi, Mike Mullany
- d. **Boat Issues:** Marc Lessard, Pete Cathey, Laurie Potter
- e. **Development of a Master Waterfront Plan for the Town:** John Parry, Nick Issak

It is assumed that each task group will meet independently at a time and place convenient to all in that group. John Parry and Dwight Baldwin will identify a chairperson for each group whose task it will be to call meetings and see that each group accomplishes its work by the agreed upon time.

7. Our next meeting “of the whole” will be a *site visit to Jackson’s Landing* and the Arthur Grant Circle. We shall meet at the Landing at 4:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon, May 22nd.