

# Riverfront Access Committee

## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Portland Public Library

20 Freestone Ave. Portland, CT 06480

## MINUTES

Present: Louis Pear- Co-Chair, Rick Sharr- Co-Chair, Karen Renner,, Mark Tuttle-alt

Absent: Mike Hennessey, Thomas Bransfield, Jay Asikainen-alt,

1. Chair, Louis Pear called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates; Mark Tuttle was seated in Mike Hennessey's absence
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Karen Renner, second by Mark Tuttle. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to approve Minutes from the February regular meeting by Rick Sharr, Second by Mark Tuttle. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business:
  - a. **Surveyed road:** The Committee reviewed the road survey map and Rick Sharr shared that the map we have been referring to are inaccurate. The corner marker is not in the proper location. The Engineer, Jacobson, had his company out to the property. Jacobson revised the access road plan and re-marked the trail. The map with the new road layout was reviewed. There is closer agreement with the location of the entry road. There may be future plans for a fishing dock and other improvements. The area of the longer beach is more desirable. There is a possibility of getting equipment to the area to clear heavy brush. The group discussed the issue of encampments present.
  - b. **Amphibious Report:** Rick state that the Biologist needs to perform another inspection. We are waiting to hear back about the implications and we are anticipating a response by June. Approval is needed from DEEP. We need a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Rick read the NDDDB reports that were submitted. There are no issues with two of the species that are present at the site. Jacobson is submitting the necessary permit applications.

c. **Tabling at Brownstone Quorum Craft Fair – June 8, 2024:** The Committee discussed manning a table at the event to inform people about where we are at in the process of planning and building of the boat launch area. Lou will ask if students at Portland High School could design a pamphlet for handouts at the event. Mike Tierney can laminate a map for display.

6. New Business

a. **Communication with the Rockfall Foundation (Grant):** Rick explained that some of the grant money was used to pay Jacobson and there is still a balance left. He is still in contact with the Rockfall Foundation and updates them regularly on our progress. They have stated that they are fine with us keeping the remainder of the grant money.

b. **Walkthrough with Ryan Curley, Ryan O’Halpin and Geoff Jacobsen:** This was discussed in the Old Business/Surveyed Road agenda item at the beginning of the meeting.

c. **Picnic Meeting August 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>:** The group discussed the best dates for a picnic meeting in August. The dates will be taken into consideration. Our Board of Selectman liaison, Jim Tripp previously recommended that we move our meetings to the fourth Wednesday so it doesn’t coincide with the Board of Selectman meetings.

7. General Discussion: The group discussed further about the June 8<sup>th</sup> Brownstone Quorum event. Lou Pear will email the committee about tabling from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjourn: Karen Renner made a motion to adjourn, second by Mark Tuttle. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Renner".

Karen Renner, Secretary

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