

Town of Pittston RiverWalk Committee
Minutes September 5, 2023
6:00pm at Town Office

Members present; Jean Ambrose, Todd Lindstrom, Tony Garvin, Wayne Peaslee, Jason Farris, Deborah Drew, Mark Kramer, Sarah Hubert, Jim Lothridge, Woody Hembree, Cheryl Peaslee

Neighbors / friends present: Teat Malcolm, Sarah Malcolm, Robert Johnson

Meeting was called to order by Jean Ambrose at 6:00pm.
Minutes were read and approved by all members present.

Jean gave an update on the D.E.P. grant that has been filed with them and the fact that case workers were being assigned to our case. Consultants will be in contact with us for a site visit in the future.

Sarah Hubert will be contacting the Kennebec Land Trust to have them come to a meeting next month. A date will be set once she knows when they can meet with us.

We looked over Tony Gavin's mission statement and made two adjustments; on the third line omitting the wording after opportunities and dismissing the fourth line. See the revised copy attached. Thank you to Tony for helping us with the mission statement.

Cheryl made a motion to accept the mission statement with the changes made to the third line & fourth line to be removed. Jim Lothridge 2nd the motion. All members were in favor.

Jean has been in touch with Maine Inland, Fisheries and Game to discuss the hunting at the RiverWalk. They gave her some information and suggested that she contact the Parks & Lands Department and ask for Rex Turner, he may be able to come to a meeting to provide us with guidance on this subject. Teat Malcolm gave us more history about the duck hunting that has happened in the past and history about the Williams gravel pit back in the 70's and how it was closed down for various violations with D.E.P. and the State.

We tabled the hunting issues until the next meeting as we need more input on this subject.

We talked about the signage that has been posted and decided to not add any more at this time.

The north boundary line of the RiverWalk was talked about and Jim made a motion "to hire a licensed surveyor to identify the north line" and an amendment was made "if it is less than \$1000.00 to go ahead and hire the surveyor." This motion was seconded by Sarah Hubert. All members were in favor.

Any members having a name of a surveyor please get it to Jean.

Next meeting will be October 2, 2023 unless the Kennebec Land trust people cannot make that meeting. We will reset the meeting date after Sarah has a date when they can make a meeting with us.

Adjourn the meeting at 7:08

Robert informed us that when he was a child sand-pipers used to nest in the large pile of stone dust that is piled by the access road towards the river. He would like to see if the vegetation could be removed so that they would be encouraged to nest there again in the future. Also a pile of sand down closer to the river was where snapping turtles used to nest. Maybe that could have the vegetation removed for the turtles to nest there again.