

Town of Pittston RiverWalk Committee
Minutes June 3rd 2024
3:00 pm at Town Office

Citizens present: Jean Ambrose, Todd Lindstrom, Cheryl Peaslee, Tete & Gail Malcolm, Tony Garvin

Select board members; Jane Hubert, Joe Caputo, Cathy Thomas

Meeting was called to order by Jean Ambrose at 3pm. (this meeting was broadcast on Zoom)
Minutes were read and all in favor.

Tete gave an update on the Dave Dineen boundary line.

Douglas Beck from the Maine Recreational Trails program came to talk with our committee about a grant we could be eligible for in June of 2025. This is a broad based grant and can include activities such as walking trails, horseback riding trails, biking trails, water sports, like canoeing, boats and swimming, plus more if we choose.

The grant can be up to \$50,000.00, made payable after work is completed by the committee / Town. Volunteers' time and donated equipment time can count as part of the matching grant. We were urged to keep a log of who worked, how long we worked and what equipment was donated to do the work.

The Town will be reimbursed after the work is done and we submit an itemized bill to the MRT program.

We have steps to get started. The Bureau of Parks and Lands will want the Town to make a 5 year commitment to this project. So the Town needs to be on board.

We need to make a list of resources and have a written vision / plan for the property.

Site plans need to be made.

A landscape designer is the best way to get help to map out / design the trail system; MRTP will recommend some to us.

A cost analysis needs to be done.

A plan for parking lots needs to be done.

The grant packet will have to be completed and submitted in June of 2025.

Doug also gave us names of other organizations that could help us plan or may also have funding for our project, such as, Maine Historic Preservation program, Maine Shore Preservation program, Land & Water.

Doug will be available for questions in the future and to help us get started on the grant process.

Brief discussion after Doug left and adjourned at 4:28pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Peaslee