

Town of Pittston RiverWalk Committee
Minutes October 2, 2023
6:00pm at Town Office
(Revised copy from Oct. 30th, 2023 meeting)

Members present: Jean Ambrose, Todd Lindstrom, Tony Garvin, Wayne Peaslee, Jason Farris, Ansel Bryant, Sarah Hubert, Jim Lothridge, Cheryl Peaslee, Tete Malcolm, Gail Malcolm, Jane Hubert

Meeting was called to order by Jean Ambrose at 6:00pm.

1. We opened the meeting with Howard Lake from Kennebec Land Trust. He gave us an overview of what the land trust did and how we could benefit from their expertise. Some of the items we could benefit from a conservation easement are; developing trail systems, legal guidance, building a parking lot and signage. Under a conservation easement we would not be able to develop the recreation aspects in the future, things like a ball field, sanitation building(s), and any other development of the land. After Mr. Lake left, we had a round table discussion on how this would impact the RiverWalk in the future. We tabled this until a future meeting.
2. Approved the September 5th minutes.
3. We had a brief discussion on the mission statement and tabled it until the next meeting.
4. DEP has sent Jean an email and has awarded John Cressey the contract to start Phase I and Phase II of the environmental cleanup. They will be contacting her soon and do a site visit and if Jean cannot make it to let them into the property, the keys will be with Tete Malcolm, Ansel Bryant and Jim Lothridge. One of them should be around to unlock the gate.
5. One of the north line pins has not been located to date. Michael Morin has been in contact with Jean, he is a professional land surveyor. Cheryl contacted a previous land owner, Evan Holbrook, to contact McConnell & Associates surveyors to release a copy of the 2008 survey and pin placement that Evan had done. Hopefully this will be all done by our next meeting.

6. Discussion on a budget for 2024; The RiverWalk has asked for \$1500.00 at the annual Town Meeting in the past years. Some members feel we do not need to ask for money this coming year. Others wonder if we should ask for \$500.00, so we tabled this until the next meeting.
7. Duck hunting; 3 people have been in contact with the Town office about hunting by the river. They would like to drive/ haul their boats to the Kennebec River thru the RiverWalk road. For now, the road is closed until the DEP is done with the assessment. They have been told they can walk down to the river's edge to hunt.
8. Jim updated us on the web site he created a few years back. He has been paying for it, but the cost is going up. After discussion, we decided that the Town's web site would be used in the future.
9. Tete Malcolm brought in pictures of the old Williams pit and we passed the pictures around to see what the pit looked like before all the trees grew up in it. Thank you for the history you shared.

Next meeting will be October 30, 2023 at 6pm

7:25 We voted to adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Cheryl Peaslee