

Town of Pittston RiverWalk Committee
Minutes October 30, 2023
6:00pm at Town Office

Members present: Jean Ambrose, Todd Lindstrom, Tony Garvin, Wayne Peaslee, Sarah Hubert, Jim Lothridge, Woody Hembree, Cheryl Peaslee, Tete Malcolm

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

- 1) We made 2 changes to the Oct. 2nd minutes. Added wording “conservation easement” All voted in favor.
- 2) Discussion the Mission Statement; we changed the words endeavors to serve to **Benefits** on the first line. All voted in favor.
- 3) The Kennebec Land Trust was discussed; Todd spoke about how putting the land in a trust would make it harder for changes in the future. Jim and Sarah like some or all of what the Land trust did. We discussed this as a group for a few minutes. Jean is going to questions through MMA, about setting up our own deed restrictions, to protect the land for a period of time. Jim thought 50 years would be a good period of time. We all felt we are not ready to make this decision right now and we need to do more research before we move in the direction of a land trust. Tabled for a future meeting at this time.
- 4) Finding the north boundary pin on Dave Dineen’s land has not happened. Jean talked with the surveyor and the cost to do the boundary line(s) is going to cost four to five thousand dollars. It was discussed that if we are not going to sell the land or in a land dispute, we have no reason to move forward with this at this time. It would be good to know exactly where the line is for future reference. We will take this up at a later date.
- 5) A budget for the upcoming Town Warrant was discussed; so what are our needs? Signage was the biggest expense we could see coming in the New Year.
 - A) We all felt a metal road sign should be placed by the south entrance/ road. We have sign post at the Town shed to attach it to. Jean is going to inquire about a green street sign. Jim made a motion for it to read “RiverWalk south way” **or lane**. 2nd by Wayne. All were in favor.

B) Jim made a motion for a larger sign to read “ Welcome to the Pittston RiverWalk established 2020” Todd 2nd the motion, all in favor. Cheryl will look into cost and design and bring back ideas to next meeting.

C) Jim made a motion to put in a request for \$1500.00 into the 2024 Town Warrant, to read “\$1500.00 for the RiverWalk any unspent monies to go into the designated RiverWalk account.” Wayne 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

6) Phase 1 of the Brown Fields Site Assessment is nearly done. John Cressey gave Jean an update and is recommending that ground water testing be done on the well located on the property and the lagoon. He also would like to do some test borings around the property. The ground around the area where the big steel tank was needs the top soil disposed of for oil contamination. There are also some pipes that have asbestos and they need to be removed. Once the approval is given then the site cleanup will start. The Bodge Sands Island looks good except for some trash removal. The causeway to the Island was a dam at one time where water was pumped out of. No vehicle traffic was ever done on the Island.

Sarah asked to set up a meeting with John Cressey, hopefully at our next meeting.

Next meeting date set for December 4th, 2023, at 6 pm.

7:15pm we voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Peaslee