

Town of Pittston RiverWalk Committee

Minutes January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

6:03pm at Town Office

Citizens present: Jean Ambrose, Todd Lindstrom, Tony Garvin, Wayne & Cheryl Peaslee, Tete & Gail Malcolm, Nick Worthing, Joyce Dill, Deborah Rice, Mark Krawec, Ansel Bryant, Sarah Hubert

Meeting was called to order by Jean Ambrose.

Approve minutes from December 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- 1) Deed update from Jean; She meet with Farris Law firm with lawyer Kevin Sullivan on January 2, to research if a deed to the property could be made, she was informed that a new law from the Federal government has now been voted in by the Maine legislature regarding the foreclosure process for towns and cities in Maine. We would be the first test case, if we want to pursue a deed and it may take a long period of time and cost a lot of money. He recommended that his firm could write up a letter to DEP stating how the Town acquired the property and that should meet the needs of the DEP. Then phase 1 would be done. DEP then could move on to phase 2 which is testing soil and water of the property.
- 2) Todd moved to a discussion on creating our own conservation easement setting the time line for no more than 25 years. This would be a good time to do this as we work with a lawyer on the deed process. A motion was made “to look into a conservation easement made by a lawyer and voted on by the Town.” Todd made the motion and Tete seconded. All approved.
- 3) Nick Worthing was there to discuss having permission to use the RiverWalk property to go to the Kennebec River to ice fish. He had been told by the Select Board that he could not use motorized vehicles on the property to go to the river. We all felt that just snowmobiling to the river was not a major issue. The Duck hunters had been able to go to the river during hunting season. Sarah made a motion with Joyce seconded it. All were in favor. Jean would bring it to the Select Board meeting.
- 4) Jason Corliss had an e-mail which Jean read to us. Little to no discussion about it.

Next meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of next month, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Adjourn 7:06pm

Submitted by  
Cheryl Peaslee