

Sullivan Harbor Committee

3/9/2011

Minutes

Attending: Helen Gordon, Larry Johannesman, Tom Sidar, Gary Edwards, Barbara Shanahan, Jim Fisher, Steve Perrin

Agenda

- Review of design concepts for Gordon's Wharf
 - Needs
- Update on contracting engineering services
- Use of the house
 - MCHT
 - FoTB
- Harbor Ordinance

Design concepts for Gordon's

- Larry presented two design concepts for the pier
- Helen Gordon provided a number of comments about the location
 - Plantings would be difficult to maintain due to salination (sp?)
 - The posts that support the sides of the pier have rotted away
 - Current is very strong off the end of the pier
 - Might be possible to start with a ramp on the upstream or downstream back on shore and run parallel to the wharf
- Tim
 - Considering ice, tide, subsurface soils, etc. prefer to put the ramp on the downstream side
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- Steve
 - might build this to scale for smaller boats, perhaps 17 – 20' with a narrower ramp
 - Want to preserve more of the wharf for useful space
 - Call it a skiff ramp
- Discussion
 - Going back to keeping the site very simple and useful
 - Still need to provide users with enough guidance so they can use the ramp
 - Might opt for more undesignated space rather than specific parking areas
 - May be able to observe use patterns and build infrastructure as we need
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Property across from the wharf property

- Property owned by the Menards
- Possible extra parking space
- Field is wet in the spring, would need to repair existing drainage systems

Engineering

- Tom Sidar experiences
 - CES – highly professional, expensive www.ces-maine.com
 - Hedefine – also expensive www.hedefineengineering.com
 - Andrew McCullough, Ellsworth
- Helen Gordon
 - Soils upstream from wharf

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Use of the House

- Occupancy beginning June 1, 2011
- Frank Dorsey has created a contract leasing the property
- Tim noted that the deck on the front fell off this winter – snow was not shoveled
- Repairs need to happen in May – for a June occupancy

Ordinances

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- Need to do the appointments in July rather than June
- Harbor master needs to be certified (rather than just suitable) to take the appointment – training is available in the spring. Timing is tricky. Training is \$225 for three days.
- Tom Martin made some other housekeeping changes
- Substantial changes
 - Expand harbor limits – need to cooperate with Hancock and Sorrento
 - This would make it impossible to drag in the harbor
 - One dragging area is being used now. Problem has been more with boat launch than in the dragging area
- Should the harbor area be defined using GPS / Latitude Longitude coordinates? Yes
- Should the harbor area be extended further up the river toward Franklin? Probably not.

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- Mooring fees are due no later than the second Friday in not July (not August)
- Need to check language about mooring fees

Helen will send written comments about the ordinance to Jim and Tom.

Rules for the wharf

- Leave no trace
- Storage of traps
- Parking signage

Action: Find a sample ordinances from other boat launch areas