

Sullivan Wharf and Harbor Committee

6/2/2010

Sullivan Town Office

Minutes

Attending: Gary Edwards, Helen Gordon, Bob Deforest, Barbara Shanahan, Tom Sidar, Misha Mytar, Jim Fisher, Tim Doughty, Tom Sidar, Steve Perrin (Friends of Taunton Bay)

Review of minutes from previous meeting

Access Subcommittee: Tim, Helen, John, Gary, Steve Pettoro and Steve ... have formed an access subcommittee

Next meeting

- Move time to 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM first Wednesday of each month
- Next meeting July 7, 2010 in the Sullivan Town Office

Wharf Improvements

- Will put in a request for NRCS to create a topographical survey of the site
- Consider putting another set of rocks around the perimeter to raise the level of the wharf.
- The north corner was underwater several weeks in the spring
- Boat ramp subcommittee will work on access
 - Discussion about safety – how to inform users about safe tides
 - Loop tours

Immediate plan

- Clean up
 - Much of the site has been organized with county jail workers
 - Much of the remaining work will require machinery
- No plan to rent the house this summer, but need to consider options
 - Seasonal or year round
 - Residential, Commercial or Non-profit

House

- Much of the interior has been rebuilt
- The deck has some new boards, but the stringers underneath are rotting in places
- Appliances are still in place

Entrance Road

- Currently one car width
- Will have an engineer explore options for widening the entrance or creating pull out

Grants

- Jim discussed probably award of second scenic byway grant

Slide Show by Steve Perrin

- Land not settled by 1784 was granted to Bowdoin College
- Francis Wooster purchased much of this land in 1873, but Bowdoin retained much of the quarry land
- Location of quarries and wharves
- Pictures of quarries – many filled with water now.
- Series of slides about waterfront locations
- Wedges and shims
- Tools
- Blacksmith shop supporting quarry
- Local craftsmen
 - Gibran and Obadiah Buell
 - Mark Harrington
 - Conrad Smith
 - Ian Grant

Next Steps

- Boat Ramp Subcommittee Meeting: June 29 or 30 – later in the day
 - scope out possibilities for a boat ramp at Gordon's Wharf
- Full committee meeting June 7