

Town of Sullivan
Wharf, Shore and Harbor Planning Committee
09/08/10 5:00 PM
Sullivan Town Office

Minutes

Attending: Gary Edwards, Jim Fisher, Steve Perrin, Ann and Ed Dederer, Beverly Sovet

Item 1 - Review of minutes

- No substantial changes (check list of attendees)

Item 2 - Topographical site survey in the works

- Group reviewed the NRCS topographical survey of the site
 - o Western corner – too low, subject to flooding
 - Need to build up wall and fill approximately 10'
 - o Boat ramp
 - Most support for upstream side of the wharf, but subject to additional design considerations.
 - The rest of the design depends on boat ramp and access.

Item 4 –Discussion - Major uses and design components

Recreational:

- Kayaks
- Canoes
- Small Motor boats
- Fishing
- Picnic – tables, shelters

Historical

- Interpretation
 - o Taunton Bay Ecology

- Taunton Bay Fishing
- Shipping
- Quarries

House:

Commercial

- Youth hostel
- Seasonal rental
- Year round residential rental
- Retail seafood, lobster and clams – sold live (lobster games of chance)
- Kayak rental – safety video, tour guides
- Boat tours
- Fishing – unloading traps, catch, worms, mussels, oysters, urchins, kelp, etc.
- Local artisans
 - Art Gallery, Art Studio
 - Granite sculpture
 - Weaving
 - Boat building
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Educational:

- Interpretation
- Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society display
- Center for Bay Ecology
 - Frenchman Bay Conservancy
 - Friends of Taunton Bay
 - Affiliation with SERC
 - Children’s exploratory classes
 - Taunton Bay Education Center
 - MERI model
 - COA
 - USDA – University of Maine (Franklin)
 - Cod and Halibut reproduction

- Coalition of the above organizations
- Eco-tours, boat tours, seal watch
- Meeting space
- Offices in back

Other / Needs for Improvements:

- Parking
- Toilets or privies
 - Discussion of portapotty – might install a cement pad and screen the exterior
 - Town is not as interested in installing a vault privy – concerns about maintenance
- Trash removal
 - Carry in – carry out
 - Trash receptacle – maintenance?
 - Recycling
- Drinking water
- Deck is in rough shape
- Ramp to the main floor
- Concerned about current use of the wharf - fishing gear and other materials piled on the sides

Road

- Improve wharf road
- Preserve stone culverts – widen with the same design
- Sink hole on the wharf
- Burns on the site
- Perimeter wall – repair and raise low corner
- Boat launch
- Landscaping

Review Harbor Ordinance