

## York River Study Committee

### York River Study Committee Meeting Minutes

From Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Grant House, 200 US Route 1, York, Maine

1. Voting members present: chairman Chuck Ott, Cindy Donnell, Jack Murphy, Thom Kearns, Joan Leblanc, & Jean Demetracopoulos  
Voting Members Absent: Stefan Claesson, Karen Arsenault, Judy Spiller, & Beth Walter  
Committee Members Present: Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney, and Paul Dest  
Visitors: Bobbi Beavers, State Rep Kittery, Eliot & S. Berwick & Rene de la Sea (Ipswich, MA)
2. Motion by Jack Murphy to accept minutes of Sept 27<sup>th</sup> as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Donnell  
Passed unanimously
3. Quarterly budget review by Paul Dest. Amounts presented are what is in-hand. Amounts committed for studies, but not yet paid is not shown.
4. Updates and upcoming plans for Subcommittees – Jenn & subcommittee members
  - a. ORV Subcommittee: ORV committee had a presentation by Spatial Alternative for a build-out analyses. The committee is working to come up with questions this analyses should answer. What story to we want this information to tell?  
  
Stefan is to present a pared back Historical Resources Survey to fill in data gaps in Eliot and South Berwick along the River corridor (more in 5 below)
  - b. Outreach Subcommittee: reviewed activities and their outreach products.  
  
Decided not to hold a photo contest as similar activities are occurring with other area organizations.  
  
Looking at a series of newspaper articles for the spring – hopefully 6 which could highlight the fish study and other volunteer opportunities  
  
Also considering a summer event series
5. Archaeological & Architectural History Survey project and Draft RFP – Will focus on the River related archeological and historical resources where no data has been recorded. Millinocket was used as an example. Cost would be \$27,500. Other outside funding sources were discussed including Maine & NH Charitable Foundations to augment funding.  
  
Joan motion: The Committee supports fully funding the modified Study RFP for the York River Headwaters Survey contingent on federal constraints and funding source identification. Thom 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passes.

6. Updates from recent meetings and public events – Jenn & Study Committee members – Notes from meetings will be distributed as they happen.
7. Plan and schedule a meeting with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
8. Discussion on school/student engagement opportunities and ideas. Cindy or Joan will make contact with Mike Masi at York High School. Jean will make contacts with Marshwood High School and Judy Spiller will get a contact for Traip Academy.
9. New members for Study Committee deferred until November
10. Other updates and discussion – Joan pointed out the importance of incorporating outreach community feedback into our discussions as they relate to studies and materials. Cindy asked Chuck for an update on “the interview film”. Joan suggested the Study Committee may cohost screening of the final product.
11. Adjourn at 7:06pm