

York River Study Committee
September 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Grant House, 200 US Route 1, York, Maine

5:30 – Call to order – Chuck

Voting members: Jack Murphy, Karen Arsenault, Jean Demetracopoulos, Chuck Ott, Thom Kearns

Non-voting members: Jim MacCartney, Paul Dest, Jenn Hunter

Visitors: Dexter Spiller, Virginia Spiller

1. Review minutes of August 22, 2017 - Accepted as presented, moved by Karen A., 2nd by Jack M., unanimously approved

2. Projects/activities updates – Jenn

a. Historic resources survey – Jenn and Stefan reviewed the final report and have requested more details to be included in the final draft. The finished report for archeological resources (below ground) should be coming within the next couple weeks – one complete copy and one redacted copy. Only the redacted will be available to the public in order to protect the sites. The “above ground” inventory final draft will hopefully be received in two weeks. Both studies will have a presentation to the public.

b. Build-out/ordinance review: SMPDC contract has not yet been awarded funding (it has been approved for funding) so \$ are not yet available for contract to Judy Colby-George to do spatial buildout. Conditions around the buildout are still being determined. Discussions will be ongoing from 10/3 meeting.

c. Others: The fish study final report is due in December.

3. Draft management recommendations for Historic Resources – Jenn: Stefan has compiled a comprehensive list of draft recommendations, with some additions from Jenn, which will be merged into the management plan draft.

4. Review of preliminary management objectives developed to date – Jenn: There was board consensus in favor of the current ones as written. The objectives will be shared publicly for feedback.

5. Management plan template review – Jenn: The template was distributed. It was presented last November and has a few updates since then. Jenn could use assistance with writing, especially with watershed/water quality reporting. Joan’s expertise in this area could be helpful. Are there still unknown things we should be looking to explore? These need to be identified soon for inclusion.

6. Fall/winter meetings with Town boards – Jenn and Study Committee members: There will be a meeting with the York Board of Selectmen and a meeting with S. Berwick Conservation Commission. It has been agreed that meetings with Planning Boards will be put off until 2018, when there is a “Build-out report” to bring to the table for discussion with those entities.

7. Other updates or discussion items – Study Committee members: None

8. Identify future agenda items – Chuck: **The next meeting should be looking to identify the areas for inclusion in a designation and any recommendation for designation as a partnership river should be finalized by November/ December. Attendance of the full committee is very important!**

Adjourn