

York River Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Grant House, 200 US Route 1, York, Maine

Voting members present: Chairman Chuck Ott, Karen Arsenault, Thom Kearns, Joan LeBlanc, Mike Masi, Jack Murphy

Voting Members Absent: Stefan Claesson, Jean Demetracopoulos, Cindy Donnell, Judy Spiller, Beth Walter

Non-voting committee members present: Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney

Visitors: Kathryn and Robin (York High School students)

1. Review of Minutes:

Chuck asked the group if anyone wished to entertain a motion to reconsider a motion passed and included in the October minutes for moving forward on designation.

Hearing none, *Jean made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting, seconded by Mike and passed unanimously.*

2. York Watershed stream segments for PWSR designation:

Jenn passed out a map that included the York River Watershed and all major tributaries asking that the group come to consensus on what to include for designation (Straw Man Take 2). Lots of discussion on what and what not to include, some outstanding issues and others need more clarity.

- Need map clarification on data sets from Bill Hancock
- Chuck to check in with DC colleagues regarding mapping for stream segments
- Do we include some important wetlands or just main stems?
- Judy's suggestion from October to include tributaries in Kittery
- Stewardship plan is suggestive based on our study, need to get proper messaging in place that we want to do our best to protect the river and make such recommendations in our plan.

Motion made by Joan, seconded by Jean, and passed unanimously, that the designations approved at the last meeting apply to the York River and its main stem tributaries as indicated on the map.

Jenn will work with Bill Hancock to get an accurate map. She will add it to the website and do a press release with the points made during this discussion for newspapers and community meetings.

3. Management plan status and updates:

Jenn passed out draft Outreach related objectives. Lawns to Lobsters people coming to next Outreach Subcommittee meeting.

- Natural resources ORV plan meeting tomorrow
- Economic resources – Chuck, Mike and Cindy taking the lead on this

- Working farms and forests – Jean taking the lead
 - Cultural and historic resources – Stefan taking the lead
- Hope to have draft 2.0 in next 2-3 weeks to get more feedback.
- Joan asked if we should have one outreach plan rather than having outreach recommendations in each section.

4. Fall and winter meetings

Jenn listed these on the agenda – see notes.

5. Updates/other discussion items

Other groups are using “stewardship” vs. “management” plan. Should we consider this? Consensus it was a good idea.

6. Future meeting agenda items

Next Study Committee meeting scheduled for December 19th. Do we want to consider another format so that we don’t have to meet? Decision made not to hold meeting in December.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Arsenault
Acting Clerk