

**York River Study Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2019, Grant House, York**

*Voting Members Present:* Karen Arsenault, Stefan Claesson, Jean Demetracopoulos, Cindy Donnell, Mike Masi, Jack Murphy, Chuck Ott

*Voting Members Absent:* Thom Kearns, Joan LeBlanc, Judy Spiller

*Other Committee Members Present:* Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney

5:30 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Chuck Ott

- 1. Minutes of the September meeting:** On a motion made by Karen and seconded by Jack to approve the minutes, all voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.
- 2. Status of designation bill and NPS Study Report:** No new updates since our last meeting. The NPS Study Report has been with the agency administration in Washington, DC since early July. The committee will request that Congresswoman Pingree's and Senator King's offices continue to follow up with NPS contacts on status of the report.

The committee discussed its approach and interest in remaining relevant and moving forward with river stewardship outreach and education activities during this period of waiting for the federal agency and Congress to act. The committee plans to resume hosting community forums on Stewardship Plan topics. At the November meeting, we'll discuss possible topics and approaches for quarterly forums in 2020. Committee members will revisit the Stewardship Plan for ideas and priorities before the next meeting.

- 3. Website and outreach plans:** Jenn mentioned she will spend 5-10 hours next month updating the website to eliminate outdated and redundant information, while preserving details about the study's history and approach. Committee members are encouraged to look at the website and suggest any changes they'd like. Other outreach plans include meeting with the Kittery Land Trust director on November 14 and following up with the York Planning Board regarding the Stewardship Plan and Comprehensive Plan. The committee discussed the invitation to partner with York Ready for 100% on upcoming regional events on climate change in early 2020 and agreed to be a partner to help promote the events and have an outreach/education table at the events.
- 4. Other discussion items, updates, announcements:** No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hunter