

Minutes from the Owls Head Conservation Commission meeting held on 4/05/2016.

Members Present: Ken Wexler, Kathryn DerMarderosian, Deena Carafelli, and Jeanne Johnson. Annette Naegel from the George River Land Trust was also in attendance. The meeting was held at the Owls Head Village Library and began at 6:00 p.m.

Deena passed out a synopsis of the questionnaire that the group handed out at the recent town meeting. Most people seemed in favor of having the trail created including a parking area. The majority of the people felt that they would utilize the property in the spring, summer and fall. We were able to get some new volunteers names from the survey. Kathryn will send out an email to everyone that filled out the questionnaire and invite them to our next meeting.

Budget for the project: Annette passed out a sample budget that she has created for the project which includes expenses for trail work, design, and parking improvements. This could be used as a basis for any grant applications. The total budget is \$14,500 which includes the stewardship piece for the GRLT. We may approach the project in phases to help with fundraising goals. Deena mentioned that any grant requests or applications must first be presented to the Select Board prior to sending them into to funders.

A short discussion was held regarding creating a work plan to design and create the trail. The discussion focused on when to get volunteers involved and how best to utilize them. Bill and Beth Long will be approached to ask if they would be willing to mark out the trail based on their initial design work. We also talked about our proposed walk of the property that we had tentatively scheduled for the end of April. Ken felt that it would be best to have people walk the property once a trail was in place.

Signage – since it became clear that many people at the town meeting did not know where the property was located, a sign would be very important. Ken has offered to create and donate the cost of a sign for the property. Annette also passed out a sample of a sign that could be used at the trail head that outlines rules for using the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd, 2016 at the Owls Head Village Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Johnson
Secretary