

## **Kennebunk River Committee Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2016**

Members present:

Rick Roberts, Jack Jensen, Mark Sutton, Susan Inoue, Rich Woodman.

Members absent:

Peter Donovan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rick Roberts

### **Old business**

- Update on Arundel Yacht Club, Yachtsman and Government Wharf dredging

Prock continues to dredge and appears to be on schedule. Some of AYC docks have been placed back into river. Progress has been made at Gov't Wharf.

### **New Business**

- Re-configuration of docks at proposed DiMillo's Marina (Old Reid's Marina)

The Committee was presented a dock re-configuration for the proposed DiMillo's Marina by Bud Brown of Eco-Analysts and Chris DiMillo of DiMillo's Marina. The meeting was well attend by the public. Chairman Rick Roberts addressed the public explaining the role of the Kennebunk River Committee and that the Committee only makes recommendations to the ZBA, Planning Board and Selectmen for both Kennebunk and Kennebunkport with regards to any impact a proposal may have on the Kennebunk River.

The DiMillo's proposal brought many concerned comments by the public. Each comment was addressed by the Committee, Bud Brown or Chris DiMillo. Some of the public concerns were excessive boat traffic in and out of the marina, loud rowdiness at night and whether the marina would be a full service marina with fuel/maintenance. One public comment was concern of this being a "back door" in making the area a commercial zone.

Bud Brown and Chris DiMillo told the Committee the marina will be a mix of seasonal and transient slips. DiMillo's was not interested in renting kayaks, paddleboards or canoes and the marina would be staffed to help tend boats coming and going from their slips and into the busy river. The Committee strongly expressed their concern for safety on the river and urged the use of well trained staff at the marina and limiting the beam width of vessels tied to the face docks.

The Committee asked Chris DiMillo what size vessels would be coming up river to the marina. Mr. DiMillo said he doesn't expect vessels more than 55'-65' coming to the marina. Committee member Rich Woodman brought up the question of beam width on the large vessels tied up on the face docks and whether the vessels would encroach the 50' Locally Designated Channel established in 2004. Mr. Woodman told Mr. DiMillo about the very heavy traffic on the river with kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, small and large power vessels, sailboats, whale watch boats from Performance Marina and so on. Mr. Woodman went on to say with large vessels on the face docks at DiMillo's and three proposed entrance/exit points at the marina, would greatly increase the chance of collision, accidents, or near misses in a highly congested part of the river.

After the public meeting was adjourned, the Committee discussed the safety issues and beam width encroaching the designated channel. After reviewing the Kennebunk River Ordinance, the Committee found reference to the Northerly and Southerly boundaries of the 50' locally designated channel but no reference to easterly and westerly boundaries. The Committee will investigate the easterly/westerly boundaries to determine a recommended size limit on beam width for vessels tied at the face docks. Chairman Rick Roberts will contact Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission. SMRPC was hired by the towns to create the 50' locally designated channel in 2004.

Chairman Rick Roberts told the Committee of an email from Greg Burke. Mr. Burke expressed concern with the appearance of the Pump-out barge and asked if an effort could be made to beautify the barge. The Committee will have further discussion on this matter at next meeting.

- No other Business - Vote to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

- Next meeting: February 16, 2016 /7:00 **PM** / Kennebunk Town Hall.

Approved By:

Date:

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