

## **Kennebunk River Committee Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016**

Members present:

Rick Roberts, Jack Jensen, Mark Sutton, Rich Woodman

Members absent: Peter Donovan, Susan Inoue

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rick Roberts  
January meeting minutes approved.

### **Old business**

- Spirit of Massachusetts Update

The River Committee was informed the United States Coast Guard have officially classified the Spirit as a C-ROD (craft routinely operated dockside). With this classification, the Spirit will not be under the jurisdiction of the USCG or the Army Corp of Engineers.

- Pump-Out Barge

The Pump-out Barge was found half submerged at its mooring on February 11, 2016 by Prock Marine. Prock Marine (who was dredging the area at the time) used a crane to haul the barge out of the river and onto land at Kennebunkport Marina. There was no leaking fuel or discharge from the barge into the river. A cause of the partial sinking is under investigation. The Town of Kennebunk will haul the barge to Sea Road facility for winter storage. The town will determine in the spring if the barge is salvageable to use again in the river.

### **New business**

- Reconfigured docks at DiMillo's Marina (Old Reid's Marina)

The Committee once again discussed the proposed reconfigured docks/marina at DiMillo's. The meeting was again attended by the public and representatives from Eco-Analysts. The Committee explained the 50' Designated Channel in the proposed marina area and how it was established. Based on the measurements made by Eco-Analysts, the Committee was able to determine a maximum beam width of twenty (20') feet for vessels tied to face-docks at proposed marina so vessels will not impede passage or encroach on the 50' Locally Designated Channel.

The Committee made further comments of the diminished safety on the river especially with larger transient vessels, with no experience or knowledge on the Kennebunk River, within the narrow, highly congested area and 50' Locally Designated Channel at the proposed marina. Another concern of safety is the proposed three (3) access points in/out of the marina. The Committee feels this greatly increases traffic and diminishes safety in an already highly congested part of the river. With extreme currents (eddies), high traffic congestion and narrow 50' designated channel in the marina area, the Committee highly recommends the marina have well-trained staff that would be needed to inform and guide

vessels in/out of marina and in/out of heavy channel traffic. The Committee also recommends the marina be held to their proposed comment/commitment for not renting/leasing personal watercraft from the marina.

The Committee has no objection to the dredging of the proposed marina. The Committee feels there is not a “need” for a dredging at the marina but believes the dredging does create an “opportunity” for larger transient vessels coming to the marina thus increasing traffic and diminishing safety in an already highly congested part of the river.

### Health of Kennebunk River

Committee member Jack Jensen proposed to have a river pollution expert attend our next meeting. The Committee would like to be on top of the river health and make recommendations if needed. The Committee agreed to have Mr. Jensen have the expert attend the March 2016 meeting.

- No other Business - Vote to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.
- Next meeting: March 15, 2016 /7:00 **PM** / Kennebunk Town Hall.