

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Members present were Chairman/Joshua Miller, Dan Morris, William Mroz, Glenn Hall, Ben Norton, and Richard Vermeulen. Also present were Harbormaster/Dave Schmanska, Selectboard liaison Randy Elwell, Town Manager Tim Polky, Finance Director/Elizabeth Curtis, Selectboard Chairman Richard Bates, Noel Musson, Gregg Johnston, and recording secretary Patty St Clair.

Chairman Josh Miller stated this meeting was to talk about the presentation for the upcoming public hearing scheduled for tonight at 7pm. He then turned it over to Noel Musson.

Noel Musson stated he and Gregg Johnston met with DEP earlier today along with the Army Corp which turned out to be a very positive meeting. So our strategy of moving the permitting from the Augusta area to the Bangor area is going to work out well. We met with Jessica Demmon and Maria Eggett of DEP, and Shawn Mahanney of Army Corp and they were all very supportive of the project. Gave us some good tips in terms of things we need to try to highlight in the permitting process. We talked to them about maybe going back and forth with them on some drafts of the permit would be nice in terms of giving them the ability to help us give them things to hang their hat on when we go for the permitting. We talked about different alternatives for construction so when we get into the discussion a little bit with this committee for the permitting process to want to evaluate for real cost options. One of those cost options was pile support system going for and then maybe looking back at a sheet pile filled option which they were totally open to. We have talked to them about compensation so when you fill in how much area over a 5000 square feet of area that we are talking about just based on rough math so there is a compensation fee to fill in that much area. We talked about the math that rough math we are in the 60s range as a check I think our job up next is to try to figure out if you writing a 60,000 check to fill in wetlands is it still cheaper to do that than any of the other alternatives like to just drive piles in.

Harbormaster Schmanska asked is there other alternatives to writing a check in terms of litigating.

Noel Musson said there are but that would be a harder discussion to have with them. Its more difficult to find those equal value options so we talked about this before.

Selectboard liaison Elwell asked if there was another project in Town could we piggy back off that.

Noel Musson said he didn't know but that's a good question he would be open to talk about it with them.

Gregg Johnston said one thing we did lay the ground work for, if anything was permitted or not quite fully built out like the "T" head those are all ready permitted impacts. We would include a lot of the down slop that the under water on the existing parking area so they are familiar with the area. One of the managers of DEP has spent a lot of time down there during the Summer. She has family in Port Clyde so want to make it a good community project. There is not a lot of high value habitat down there between the boat launch and it wasn't a big deal. We actually talked about the piles and the number of piles we need to get through that area and it starts to add up at that point in time, so they were open to looking at the sheet piling process and how that would work cost wise.

Noel Musson so it is a completely different outcome then the one you had indeed.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said on the litigation side the Town is working on a restoring project with elewives at the creek so he was wondering if the Town did something to support that would, that please them with the ligation.

Noel Musson said it might; we could ask them. We talked about this before sometimes it is bit more challenging to try to figure out equal value to equal value but he definitely thinks it is worth the question.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said he knows the State is involved with the school with that project so he didn't know if that was possible.

Noel Musson said his sense was the people we talked to and actually like Gregg said Maria in particular is invested in Port Clyde so she is really interested in the project.

Noel Musson stated Maria was very helpful she knew a lot and is very familiar all about how much a pain in the ass it is to launch boats down there and all the parking issues; so that's good. He felt that having her involved and Shawn, who is super easy to deal with, they were giving us things to focus on and the permits in the past. The first thing they picked up on we don't want to highlight all this parking up here something we have talked about before and that is not something you want to down play. But look at how the project intrigues the safety aspect of Port Clyde in general and focusing on that as a working waterfront. There is a lot of couple of notes that he took which he thought it was great feedback today; pretty positive about that. Falls in line with our strategy quite well and he was happy with it. So tonight what he wants to do is not focus on much more than thinking about different design options of where we are headed with this group what I think we are going to do tonight really kind of take a step back and just present the plan, the master plan, and have it just be more ok here is where we are asked to do and here is things we are trying to make sure that we capture in the master plan. This is what we have come up with, go over some of the elements cause the master plan there is a lot to it but we have sort of highlighted the presentation and step aside and answer any questions if we have any. Not going to volunteer costs unless that question comes up.

Chairman Miller stated we are focusing on planning and permitting at this public hearing tonight.

Noel Musson so we are going to focus from now until the Town meeting and next budget cycle we have some work to do forward focusing on getting planning and permitting done so we move on to the construction phase. That would include more construction the next phase get into the detailed construction drawing getting up to date and setting the stage for funding or when it will come and how they are going to overlap where we are on this funding cycle and the next one but it is the sort of next narrative step.

Harbormaster Schmanska said what is your ball park time frame on this part of the presentation? Noel Musson felt 15-20 minutes at the most.

Noel Musson stated the budget figure of \$28,600 is what we will focus on as we have done before. We are going through this process and the next logical step, with a general sense of a budget, for the permitting phase.

Dan Morris said most of the questions to be asked are totally depended on what can be approved and permit. So we are really putting the cart before the horse if we get out there too far with that stuff.

Noel Musson said we have spent a lot of time on this project thinking about it from a bunch of different ways. We know where the challenges are, and we know what some of the design options are. But the first most logical step is to do what we have all ready done; this is what we would most like to have for this is the master plan. Now we have to take that information, get a permit for that master plan which will involve taking some of the design discussion we have had and formalizing them into which design do we want to go with; this one or this one.

Bill Mroz felt with the discussion we had today there are more options to reduce costs and out of bigger and better project this is my sense and that's only based on their specific site and knowledge in the harbor here what's down there on the bottom and that's what water flows there are viable options to reduce cost'

Glenn Hall thinks there is going to be, if people show up tonight, there will be a lot of questions because they want to know if it pertains to what we are doing tonight they are questions for down the road. Noel Musson stated they can try to deflect some of those and you guys are going to have to step up and say that's not why we asked them to come here because it is too far down the road.

Harbormast Schmanska said one of the biggest questions I have been asked is this about Aqua Ventus. The answer is no; period.

Chairman Miller said to feel free to deflect those questions to us or Richard or Tim or Randy; especially Dave.

Noel Musson said that Gregg and he are very experienced at standing up in front of groups and answering questions. But I thought the DEP meeting today was more positive than he thought. They are really helping us.

Harbormaster Schmanska asked in terms of basically what's living down there or what's not living down there they are very aware of that.

Bill Mroz said more importantly they are aware of that but also problems associated with vehicles because directly parking over the water isn't persay what they wanted to say with everything that drips off a car. But solving a known safety problem, they are all for it. They are all familiar with that safety problem of people jamming and going for the boat launch and no place to bring their cars. So in my opinion what you really are saying is parking your car and in doing is addressing a safety concern that is real to them and have experienced it.

Noel Musson stated you can use that so we are addressing vehicle safety concern by moving this use over here and the vehicles over there we also have to maybe fill in this area because of putting decking over it you are actually exposing the ocean to more potential pollution so all builds on each other and the narrative starts to support other design options that might be of what we have started off with.

Chairman Miller stated who thought the State could be so cooperative.

Noel Musson said he thinks it depends on who you work with. There is still a lot of work to be done. Its all about the narrative and he thinks the permit is good but it's all about the narrative .

Glenn Hall stated this is a certainly a positive start.

Town Manager Polky said the big thing is to go to them first, talk with them, tell them what you are doing and work with them.

Noel Musson said the proper channel would be to go to the Augusta office for this area; but Bangor who is experience and familiar with this area Shawn, Jessica and Maria so that helps. We did mention the Aqua Ventus to them and there was actually some good conversation. We are not designing this project for Aqua Ventus, but there is some stuff on the master plan we could accommodate this opportunity if it presents itself and I think there suggestion and reaction was some of the stuff they wanted you may not want to deal with in your permitting process its really their version to kind of deal with and I thought that was interesting to think about.

Ben Norton feels we need to get that point right out there and very loud and clear whoever is going to say it get that point out there. We are not for it or against it.

Noel Musson said we have some modifications from last week, we did keep this on here and he highlighted in the presentation want to say this is an opportunity if it presents itself and that's it.

Ben Norton stated the key is it needs to be good for the Town not just financially but astatically and fit everything.

Glenn Hall said one of the misconceptions out there, this Aqua Ventus thing is some people have the idea we control where they are going with that and we don't. They can go anywhere they want to go. We aren't going to say yes you can put the wind farm 50 miles off shore we don't have that authority but I think a lot of people think that we do. That needs to be cleared up. The only thing we can do if it works out and it's a million to one shot, to bring that line shore in but there a lot of places they can go Port Clyde harbor to go with it.

Noel Musson stated we will jump in when you are done. That's it we are good, do you have any questions. All agreed it looks good so far.

Chairman Miller asked if everyone had looked over the memorandum of agreement handed out with the few changes we had from our last meeting. Glenn Hall made a motion, seconded by Bill Mroz, to accept the memorandum of agreement for lobster, if it happens, as written and move it forward; so carried.

Harbormaster Schmanska did mention there are more of those agreements in the works for different uses going forward. He does have an agreement with Hale Miller and Art Tibbets being drawn up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A St Clair
Recording Secretary