

## **Minutes for St. George Fort Point Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on Thursday October 29, 2020**

**Attendance:** Members: Ken Oelberger, Tim Polky, Jerry Hall, John Falla, Dale Pierson, Tom Gorrill, Guest: Josh Coggeshall

**Announcements:** None

**Modifications to Agenda:** Ken noted he would like to talk about: 1. Storing documents on Google drive, 2. Whether we should have a webpage for the Ad Hoc Committee

**Approval of October 15, 2020 Minutes:** The minutes of October were approved as distributed.

### **Old Business**

**ROW across State property** – Tim reported MDOT is not concerned with the spring remaining on the property and do not appear to have a problem with the parking in their right of way.

**Alternate ROW-** Tim talked with Richard Paulsen, he is willing to continue the arrangement he has with the State. He allows them to use his road to get to the Fort to do maintenance. He also will allow anyone that has a handicap and wants to visit the Fort to use his road. He is not in favor of anything that would increase the number of visitors to the site and would like the trail to stay as it is.

Tim said it appears that the state may have a right of way across the Paulsen properties. He has seen it referenced in Richard Paulsen, Jr's deed but cannot find a copy. After discussion, it was concluded it may just be a private agreement between the State and Paulsens and **we should ask Doug Beck if the State can find a copy to help resolve this issue.**

Dale asked if there is a way that the potential increase in trail traffic can be forecast. Tom responded that there is no good way to quantify the increase in visitors due to an improved trail.

Dale asked if some of the group can meet with Richard again to hear his concerns and discuss how they might be resolved. The Committee decided that Jerry, Tim, Josh and Ken would meet with Richard. **Jerry will check when he is available to meet and get back to Tim to arrange the meeting.**

**RFP for Survey and Design.** -Tom reported that Tim has sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for survey and design of the Fort Point trail and the trail within the Fort Point Monument. Two firms have indicated they will be submitting proposals; CES and Gartley and Dorsky. A pre-proposal site walk was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> with the firms. The Consultants noted the prevalence of wetlands and the timeframe for completion of the work as potential concerns. Proposals are due on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Fund Raising** – John reported he has included an article on the history of the Fort and the Town's formation of an ad-hoc committee to look at improving the trail, in the Saint George Historical Society's newsletter. He also included information on how to donate to support the engineering and survey. He said the Society has already received a \$500 contribution. John said he is looking into grant opportunities, but has not yet found any that could award grants within the next few months or that would reimburse for funds previously expended, but will keep looking. He said it will also help him to have an idea as to the amount needed. Ken reported that he included information on how to donate in the Town's newsletter as well.

**Land Trust Participation-** Ken reported that he reached out to the George's River Land Trust (GRLT) and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT). Ken said that GRLT was supportive and Ken suggested several ways they could help including funding, support letters, and in-kind labor. MCHT was very enthusiastic. Steve Walker suggested they may be able to help with some up-front funding for engineering and survey, as well as support letters and in-kind labor.

**Updated PERT chart-**Ken distributed a revised flow chart showing the project tasks and submission deadlines and asked for comments. **Tom suggested moving Town approval of the Maintenance Agreement with the State from June to the Town Meeting in December.**

## **New Business**

**Follow up with BLM-** Ken reported that Doug will be attending our next meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He suggested Doug be sent a list of questions in advance of the meeting. **Ken will circulate a list of questions to send to Doug to the Ad Hoc committee for review which will include terms of the Maintenance Agreement, explanation of grant matching and verification of the ROW across the Paulsen's property and who would be applying for the grants.**

**Storing Documents on Google Drive-** Ken suggested using Google Docs to distribute and maintain Ad Hoc documents. **After discussion, it was agreed to distribute documents by email and use Google Drive for storing documents. Ken will look into it further.**

**Ad Hoc Webpage-** It was agreed that Ken should work with Tara at the Town office to post the agenda and meeting minutes for the Ad-Hoc committee on the Conservation Commission's webpage.

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15am.**

