

## **Minutes for St. George Fort Point Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on Thursday January 7, 2021**

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

**Announcements:** None

**Modifications to Agenda:** None

**Approval of December 17, 2020 Minutes:** The minutes of December 3 were approved following several corrections by Jerry.

**Approval of December 12, 2020 Abutter Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved with no changes.

### **Old Business**

**1. Recommendations to the Select Board-** The Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed the draft status report on the Fort Point Trail project prepared by John. The comments included the following:

- Reference the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in the 5<sup>th</sup> line of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph
- Add parking lot intrusion and parking on private property to the list of concerns identified by the abutters
- Remove the words “enhance parking area and” from the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet under the recommendations
- Change “access” to “use” in the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet under recommendations
- Add communicate with the abutters concerning actions to be taken in response to their concerns to the Committee’s recommendations

There was discussion on whether the Ad-Hoc Committee should be disbanded which some felt would send a positive message to the abutters that the Town heard the neighbor’s concerns and was taking them seriously. Others felt that the Committee should also hear from a wider audience of citizens before making a decision on whether to pursue a UA trail. Concerns were also expressed that the trail is in poor condition and the Conservation Committee should make recommendations for phased improvements their priorities. It was suggested that the phased improvements could be designed to be UA compliant if feasible. After discussion it was agreed to add the following recommendations:

- Suspend the work of the Ad Hoc Committee pending further direction from the Select Board
- Recommend the Conservation Commission identify recommendations to improve the trail that do not preclude future implementation of a UA trail.

Ken said that he and Tom would work on the recommended wording and prepare a revised draft.

**2. Survey and Design Contract-** Ken said Tim has received a proposal for a boundary survey from Gartley and Dorsky. Tim said he feel the boundary survey should be done regardless of what happens with the trail and he will discuss how to proceed with the

Select Board. Tom said that Gartley and Dorsky are aware that the design project will not proceed per original schedule and may not proceed at all.

**3. Parking-** Ken asked that Tom check in with Larry Johannesman from the MaineDOT on how he is doing with the preliminary design of the parking lot. The Committee felt this information would be useful regardless of the final recommendations regarding the trail. Tim would like to see the boundary survey before finalizing an agreement with the MaineDOT.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM**