

**Town of Saint George
Fort Point Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Minutes for St. George Fort Point Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on Thursday
February 4, 2021**

Attendance: Members: Ken Oelberger, Dale Pierson, Lori Gary, Tom Gorrill

Announcements: None

Modifications to Agenda: None

Approval of January 21, 2021 Minutes: The minutes of January 21 Committee Meeting and the January 30 Abutter Meeting were both approved.

Old Business

1. Abutter Meeting Follow up- Ken said Jerry was unable to attend this meeting, but the abutters meeting seemed to go well
2. Survey & Design Contract – Tom reported that he contacted Gartley and Dorsky and they anticipate completing the boundary survey by mid March. Tom agreed to follow up on submission of the wetland delineation report.
3. DOT parking- Tom reviewed the existing DOT ROW plan from the early 70's (attachment A of the proposed ROW use agreement with the MaineDOT) and the location of the existing spring on the plan. Dale said he had distributed the deed to Fort Point property to the Ad hoc committee. Ken told Lori that we have sign samples to share with her to direct people to the trail and to proper parking spaces. He showed her one example on Clark Island. Lori noted Mapquest directs people to her driveway for access to the park and wondered how to get that changed. Dale said it would be difficult to change based on his experience and Lori said the signs should work. Ken suggested a private road sign on Starboard Lane. Laurie said she would like natural borders such as forsythia and coastal rose bushes where possible especially at the end of the trail where the Town property, Paulsons and Ft Point intersect. Ken suggested signs would be needed only where people wander off the trail toward the house. He said directional signage could be installed as one of our initial steps.

Ken reported that he had talked with Larry Johannesman of MaineDOT about his progress on completing a conceptual plan of the parking lot. Larry is waiting until the

boundary survey is completed. Lori asked what needs to be done with the parking lot and Ken mentioned it may need to move depending on the results of the survey. Lori said Richie doesn't want it moved.

4. Follow up with BPL- Ken said he is waiting until the survey is completed to follow up with BPL. He said he does not want to shut the door with them. Lori asked how much the trail improvements would cost. Ken said a professional trail builder gave an estimate of 130,000 to complete the whole trail on the town property. He said we are now looking at a multi year plan, perhaps starting with replacement of the bridge. Ken said an estimate for a prefabricated bridge was \$30,000. He said that it would need to be signed by a registered engineer and it would be desirable to be UA compliant.
5. Donation status- Dale said three donations have been received; a \$500 and two \$1000 donations. He said the \$500 donation will have to be returned since the project as originally conceived will not be moving forward but that the other two donations are flexible. Ken suggested that thank you notes be sent out to the donors and Dale said he will do that. Ken said he will follow up on the \$10,000 pledge with Maine Coast HeritageTrust.
6. Communications- Ken asked if we want to provide an input for the next Town newsletter due on the 15th and the Town report due February 28th. Tom thinks it's a good idea to put something in the Town report.
7. Next meeting- The next meeting is set for February 25th at 10:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 AM