

Public Meeting Minutes
Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee (DHPRC)
January 16, 2019
Deer Harbor Fire Station #24

Members present: AnneMarie Shanks, Sheila Gaquin, Wes Heinmiller, Kevin White, Ryan Carpenter, Barry Madan (via telephone). Absent: Mike Douglas.

Visitors: Lynnette Wood, Janet Alderton, Robert _____, by phone, Colin Huntermer, county engineer and Jesse Douglas-Seitz.

Meeting was called to order at 4:03

Approval of minutes: AnneMarie moved to approve the minutes of the Dec. 12, 2018 meeting. Wes provided a second. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Hitchhiker Bench—Wes reported that the bench is constructed and in the fire hall. He has identified a likely spot for the bench along the Deer Harbor Road pathway across from the Shore property. Colin Huntermer said he can help install the bench.

Update on the Upper Deer Harbor Road project from Jesse Douglas-Seitz—The county has resubmitted permit applications that should go to the hearing examiner in a week or two. There are no major changes from the previous permit applications. The project was put on the shelf due to a lawsuit filed by adjacent landowners. The Prosecuting Attorney's office did receive a request for information and provided it, but the parties have not moved forward with the suit. Construction will proceed once the permits are in hand.

Update on the Wyndham Resort pier—Kevin said Wyndham co-owns the pier with two other land owners, the Colliers and the Benjamins. Wyndham would like to donate the pier to a 503-c non-profit, or the county. No word on whether the Colliers and Benjamins feel the same.

Release of Liability for vacant lot at the corner of Channel Road and Deer Harbor Road--Since the pathway unofficially crosses the lot owned by John Ketchum and Charley McPherson, the owners were concerned about liability. John Ketchum says he will fence his part of the lot. Wes has not heard back from Charley McPherson, but will call her next week.

Pocket Park—Mike and Sheila met at the pocket park to etch out a potential plan for finishing the park. The plan suggested is attached. Colin reported that he is having two brass plaques made for the timber benches in the park. One explaining that the timber was logged and milled at Jack Helsell's on Turtleback Mountain to construct the old Channel Road Bridge. When the new bridge was built in 2016, the timbers were

reclaimed for park benches. The second plaque is to commemorate Pam Kyle's work to help bringing the new bridge to fruition.

Utility Work along Channel Road—Barry reported that the lead on the utility work is Rock Island. CenturyLink is taking advantage of the ditching to put some of their communications links in the same ditch. Currently the work is suspended due to extremely wet conditions. The trenches were collapsing, and a sink hole opened up at Cayou Quay Marina.

NEW BUSINESS

Report to LTAC on the Pathways—Kevin will observe traffic on the pathways, fill in the pathway form and attach a brief description of the project submitted by Sheila.

Terms for Committee Members

As noted last meeting, several committee members' terms expire in the same year. We need to reach out to Sue Kollett and see how to stagger the expiration dates.

Vacation Rentals—AnneMarie has been in contact with the county regarding new vacation rental permits. She will draft a letter on our behalf to ask the county to stop issuing permits until the true impact of vacation rentals can be studied. Community member Lynnette Wood noted that in 2016 60% of all land use variances were for vacation rentals. Eighty-nine vacation rental permits have been issued for Deer Harbor, yet AirBnB lists 300 rentals in Deer Harbor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.
Next regular meeting is February 13, 2019
4 -5:30 p.m., Deer Harbor Fire Station
Submitted by: Sheila Gaquin