

HAMPTON FALLS DEPOT ROAD SUB-COMMITTEE

TOWN HALL – MONDAY, 01/17/22 - 5:30 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER -5:30

2. ROLL CALL – A Dittami; L Smith; S Sabatini; P Chura; J Mitchel; M Lane

3. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes – No Minutes produced

B. Discussion

1. A Dittami reviewed and brought the Members up to date on the number of groups and interested parties in that will be taken action(s) that will affect the Depot. - Third party actions (uses that may have an Environmental; Economic; Recreational; Educational & Historical; and or Traffic and Safety impact on the property: Rails to Trails; Unitil power line relocation; DES - Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Habitat Restoration – Seacoast restoration.

2. Discussion ensued about what the Committees recommendation to the Parks & Rec Committee should be.

Agreed that the Town's long-term objective for the Depot should be the preserving the existing natural conditions and historical significance of the landing (the Town' only direct access to water and the ocean) and its use as a recreational (swimming, fishing, boating & hiking etc.) facility of the Town for Town Residents by 1. Defining the number and types of vehicles and boats that can be used at the Landing; 2. Preserving the access to the water and trails; 3. Defining how the Landing will be maintained and protected; and 4. Using it, if possible, to create new economic and zoning opportunities for the Town.

Agreed that that the recommendations of the prior Depot Rd be reviewed to include some of the Park & Rec ideas and to include a more comprehensive parking and traffic plan. To that end J Mitchell and A Dittami will review the options and J Mitchell will present and overlay for the next meeting.

Agreed to immediately start work on obtaining a grant(s) from and work with DES to determine what, given our objective, would be the preferred use of the property and the best approach - restoration or remediation etc. to accomplish those objectives. S Sabatini and A Dittami will start the process by creating a "scope of work" to be reviewed at the Feb. Meeting.

Agreed that at the Feb meeting, recommendations for the current use and control of the property will be finalized for presentation to the Park & Rec. committee.

3. Discussion was had as to the dates and attendees for the proposed meeting with Scott Vogel:

Agreed that the Meeting should be targeted for early March and that, in addition to the Committee Members, representative from each of the following Town Boards should be invited: Board of Selectmen; Conservation; Park & Rec; and the Town Improvement Committee. L Smith will coordinate the time, place and invitation.

Agreed that at our Feb Meeting we will discuss and propose topics and questions that we would like to address at the meeting.

4. Next Meeting; Feb 17

5. Adjourned