Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee

Minutes for November 9, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:02am. Adjourned at 9:27am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Colby Pert, Ben Astbury Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill, Elizabeth Clifford

Actions Taken:

Motion to approve minutes of October meeting. All in favor. Motion to adjourn at 9:30. All in favor.

Discussion:

John Kimball: Swim floats and dock are still in the water. Should come out soon.

Hal: Sedgwick will be paying the plow bill for the access road then Brooksville will reimburse. Cindy and Frida have discussed.

Hal: \$15,000 contribution last year and there remains \$59,000 in the account.

JK: One of the swim floats needs new decking. Todd is able to do it. Need to order a Closed Dawn to Dusk sign to replace the one that's missing. There's a company making trails at Cooper Farm for BHHT. Will ask if they are available to work on the trail to the beach. Also there's some grading needed from the paved section going down the hill to the launch.

JK: Beaver blockage under the bridge has been removed and water is flowing freely.

JK: Frida's pay to handle the Walker Pond finances hasn't changed since we started.

Colby: Motion to raise Frida's pay to \$1200 for next year. All in favor.

JK: Boat inspectors all interested in returning next year.

John Gray: Motion for each town to contribute \$15,000 each as next year's contribution. All in favor.

John Kimball:

Swim floats are ready to come out of the water.

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Called Percy Brown but they're busy and it might not get pumped out before winter.

Told inspectors about next year's rate increase.

Number of boats is down from pandemic high but usage has been higher than normal.

Ben Astbury: Haven't secured someone to plow the access road yet. Will continue to work on it.

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Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for September 14, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:03am. Adjourned at 10:14am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, John Gray, Hal Snow, Ben Astbury Guests: John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to approve minutes of August meeting. All in favor.

Motion to increase wages to \$17 for returning courtesy boat inspectors. New inspector's wages to be determined by experience. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:54. All in favor.

Discussion:

Ben Astbury: Permit for events is in process.

John Kimball: We need to address the addition of the Mill Pond complex to the interlocal agreement.

Ben: We could insert the Mill Pond property into the agreement and send it to legal counsel for approval.

John Gray: We'll scan in the agreement, make the amendments and bring the amendments to the legislative body at town meeting.

JK: Should consider a raise for boat inspectors for next summer. See where wages are going for similar work. Would be good to keep the same crew of inspectors who work well together.

Ben: COLA increase is 8.7% for 2023. That would amount to \$16.30. Round up to \$17.

Hal: Should talk to Billy about Oct 15^{th} as the date for float and dock removal. Will try to get the floats moved over by the 10^{th} .

Ben: Plow contractor not interested in plowing the access road. Will contract out plowing for this season.

JK: Outhouse hasn't been pumped yet. Will call Percy Brown.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 10, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:03am. Adjourned at 10:14am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill

Actions Taken:

Motion to approve minutes of June meeting. All in favor.

Motion to approve minutes of July meeting. All in favor.

Motion to add that dogs must be under the control of owners to the list of landing rules. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 10:14. All in favor.

Discussion:

Hal: Blue Hill Heritage Trust will be removing invasive plants at the Mill Pond outlet at 9am 9/18.

John Kimball:

Received complaints about the behavior of unleashed dogs at the landing. Responded that Maine statute requires dogs be under the control of owners and that the sheriff's department, the state police or the local animal control officer is responsible for enforcement. We should discuss having a leash rule at the facility.

Enforcement is the issue. The sheriff's department has the authority to enforce state law which does not require a leash. Would have to check to see if the local animal control officer would be able to enforce a leash rule.

JK: Inland Harbor Master may have the authority to enforce this kind of requirement.

Don Hill: Would hours of operation help to alleviate the problems of enforcement when no one's there?

Ben: Should consult MMA about issuing a leash requirement.

JK: Should at the least add the requirement that dogs be under the control of owners.

Ben: Paul Carter is going to send the roadside mower down the access road and will put it on the list for yearly maintenance. Jason Lepper has offered to haul out the brush related to the downed trees at the beach this winter when he can haul it out on the ice. Don Hill: Scott Williams survey of algae showed an improvement over years past and noted that maintaining water levels in the face of drought conditions and climate change is complicated and has risks.

FOWP is willing to spend up to \$2000 to remove the tree limbs collected at the beaver dam site.

JK: State said they'd take care of the beaver building a dam under the bridge, but we don't know if the state is taking that action. Suggested to Marilynn that she call DOT.

JK: Permits for events needs to be written up as per the minutes from June.

Ben will create the permit for events. Should have the permits available at both town offices.

Don Hill: Aug 23 at Bagaduce Music Lending Library: Panel discussion about the Bagaduce watershed.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for July 13, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:09am. Adjourned at 10:07am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill, Kathy Flood, Marilyn Heinenman

Actions Taken:

Motion to authorize inspector to repair broken window at Portland Glass. All in favor. Motion to adjourn at 10:07. All in favor.

Discussion:

John Kimball:

Vandalism at the landing: Inspector arrived to find a fire smoldering, broken bottles, and damage done to the inspector shed. Sheriff's department and state police should be notified of the situation and to add the landing to patrol. Nothing missing from the CBI shack, just damage to windows and screens. John Kimball will speak to the sheriff involved. The "closed dusk to dawn" sign is missing at the top of the road and should be replaced. The facility is closed at night except for fishing. Inspectors have done a great job dealing with the issue.

Don Hill: Scott Williams is back on the lake and said the water looks pretty good. Had trouble accessing the water at the ramp because of swimmers.

John Kimball: Hasn't had any complaints about swimming.

Marylynn: Resident was concerned about algae growing on the shore. Presented pictures illustrating Mill Pond access and issues for boat and fish access and the control of water level. Wants to know how the water level is being controlled.

Hal: The Fish Committee has been controlling the water level. But it's not an exact science.

John Kimball: There is some lag between the pond and the Mill Pond by two or three weeks, and we are weekly measuring the water level using the tiles on the ramp. There's also an issue with water levels and nesting loons. There are other things to think about than beach and fish.

Kathy: One of the courtesy boat inspectors mentioned that there have been issues with the cleanliness of the outhouse after pumping.

John Kimball: We've had it cleared out since and we've tried to keep people from putting objects in the toilet that don't belong. If there is debris next time it's pumped,g we should be ready with trash bags and gloves. Margaret already picked up some supplies.

Colby: Would be a good idea to get it pumped before it gets much hotter.

JK: Will contact Bobby Gray.

MH: Is the path to the beach still ADA accessible?

JK: We've been discussing fixing the bridge.

Colby: Maybe a skid steer could fit down that path. Something that should be done in the fall.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 18, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:03am. Adjourned at 9:40am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Colby Pert, John Gray(via zoom), Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting. All in favor. Motion to adjourn at 9:35. All in favor.

Discussion:

Hal: Looked at the interlocal agreement and seems like the Mill Pond Complex could be added through an appendix.

JK: We'd have to go through the agreement and insert Mill Pond Complex into the text.

BA: We could ask MMA if this is something we could do ourselves without needing attorney services. Include warrant article language of acceptance of the gift.

MS: Will send inquiry to MMA.

JK: Mike Thalhauser wants to come to the next meeting to discuss the water level.

MS: Will email Mike Thalhauser about coming to the next meeting and ask him to bring whatever data he has about water level and rainfall.

BA: Jason Lepper trimmed along the road and severed the fallen tree from the stumps. Jason wasn't able to deal with the bridge/path issue. Ben will see if the bridge corner can be jacked up and try to get some stone dust to raise the level of the path.

JK: There's already lots of activity there with the warm weather.

Don Hill: Need to get you a check to help support the boat inspectors. Scott Williams has retired from the Lake Stewards of Maine, but he will continue to monitor the water quality. There will be a report coming out in the Fall.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for April 20, 2022

Meeting opened at 9:03am. Adjourned at 9:40am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Colby Pert, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. All in favor. Motion to pay the boat inspectors to attend CBI training. All in favor. Motion for Hal to remain chair. All in favor. Motion to adjourn at 9:55. All in favor.

Discussion:

John Kimball: Going to invasive aquatic plant summit today and will attend via zoom. Boat inspection started last weekend. The docks have been installed, but the gangway and swim floats have not.

Ben Astbury: Jason Lepper is going to do the tree work at the beach and along the sides of the road. There's a plan to shim the bridge and fix the path with the addition of stone dust.

Ben: The pavement part of the road looks good and Paul Carter made improvements to the gravel section. There are still culverts to be installed at the transition from gravel to pavement.

JK: Received \$2000 to support courtesy boat inspection. A new beach permit request is needed this year but needs tax map and lot number and length of shoreline.

Ben: Will get the information JK needs to complete the beach permit.

Michael: Will call Keith Tenney about continuing mowing at the Mill Pond Complex.

JK: Does the joint powers agreement need to be changed to accommodate the addition of the Mill Pond facility?

Hal: Will get all the paperwork together and look at it at next meeting.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for December 8, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 9:40am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill, Mike Thalhauser

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting. All in favor.

Motion to move the next meeting to April. All in favor.

Motion for each town to make a \$15,000 contribution to their respective budgets for next year. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55. All in favor.

Discussion:

Hal looked for beaver activity under the bridge and didn't see any.

Mike Thalhauser has received permission to notch the beaver dam under the bridge, but the letter from the DOT isn't specific and there are concerns over liability. Trapping should be part of the town's plan to manage beavers, and there may be state support for this in the future.

Mike: Stream guage to manage water level based on the needs of the alewife movement as they come and go. Record keeping at the landing might be the best solution.

John Kimball: Measurement should be taken in the mill pond and there should be tracking of what action taken and the impact it has. There are remote monitors that can be linked to an application to better keep track of changes.

Mike: The engineer has a couple years of data of water levels and may be linked to rain events.

JK: There has to be one person responsible for operating the dam to meet the various needs of both fish and landowners.

Ben: It's going to be a work in progress until we have the data to act.

JK: An in-land harbor master could be the person to coordinate all these activities. The hard part would be to find the right person.

JK: Will do the research on the cost of a remote monitoring system.

Mike: IF&W has a permit process to trap beavers.

Ben: Will find out what the IF&W process is for permitting beaver removal.

Don Hill: Have you been monitoring the number a fish?

Mike: Roughly 325,000 have been counted each year. Will send fish counting data. After 10 years of data collection there could be a commercial harvest.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for November 10, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:07am. Adjourned at 9:40am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Don Hill.

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to adjourn at 9:40am. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Last payment from the state grant for boat inspection has arrived. Close to 1000 inspections this season.

Floats are out of the water.

Paul Carter submitted a bill for work to Cooper Farm Rd.

Need to contact Mike Thalhauser about attending the December meeting to start the conversation about the development of a management plan.

Hal will contact Pete Hardy about surveying the beaver situation at the mill pond complex.

Budget time: Balance is healthy. Will keep towns' contribution to \$15,000 for 2022.

Walking path rehab should be on the list for work before next season. Need to find someone to do the work.

Next meeting is December 8th. Michael Sheahan will call Mike Thalhauser about attending.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for October 13, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:05am. Adjourned at 10:04am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, Guests: John Kimball, Ciona Ulbrich, Don Hill.

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to adjourn at 10:04am. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Ciona Ulbrich presented the committee with a binder of information about the Mill Pond complex including engineering specifications and baseline documents for the public access improvements to Mill Pond. Ciona noted that Mike Thalhauser of Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries will attend the next meeting to begin discussions about the development of a management plan.

Patriot Survey conducted the original survey of the property but refused to work with the land trust. MCHT hired Linda Campbell of Due North for survey work should there be any boundary issues to address in the future.

Members of the committee signed the closing statement, and Ciona will bring the deed to the registry to be recorded at which time the transfer of the property to Sedgwick and Brooksville will be complete.

Emergency Management will be conducting a safety inspection of the dam every few years.

John Kimball: In terms of water level, we need to take other considerations besides alewives such as erosion control and bird nesting. (An issue to be addressed when Mike Thalhauser attends the November meeting.)

Ben Astbury: After reviewing the binder of documents submitted by Ciona, Ben noted that the information is detailed and comprehensive and represents an incredible amount of work. All members of the committee thanked Ciona for all her hard work. The Bagaduce River is the first watershed in Maine fully restored for fish passage.

Ciona:

Who's going to do the beaver trapping and dam notching into the future? At the moment the 3 Town Alewife committee is visiting all beaver sites in the watershed to maintain fish passage.

Keith Tenney mowed at the Mill Pond site this summer. We will continue to use Keith going forward.

Ciona: You could expand parking if needed. The trust was constrained as an owner, but municipalities have greater flexibility.

John Kimball: We should look at the joint powers agreement to see if we can add the Mill Pond property.

When Mike Thalhauser presents the management plan in November the Alewife Committee should attend.

Swim floats are ready to be removed. Billy will try to get to it this week.

Jeff Bunt is getting ready to do tree work.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for September 8, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 9:52am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, John Kimball.

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the August 11th 2021 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to adjourn at 9:45am. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Ciona Ulbrich will come to the next meeting on October 13th to discuss the transfer of the mill pond property.

Paul Carter has been installing ditches and culverts at the Cooper Farm section of the access road.

Jeff Bunt's schedule will allow for tree and brush work soon. Ben will schedule with Jeff to get the work done.

Sedgwick's plow contractor will plow the road again this year.

John Kimball will call Bill Grant to see if he can remove the swim floats ahead of removing the docks.

Ben: In the future when we look at wages for the boat inspectors, we should have the discussion proactively at budget time rather than reactively during the inspection season.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 11, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 9:52am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, John Kimball.

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the July 14th 2021 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to adjourn at 9:49am. **All in favor.** Discussion:

High rainfall has raised concerns over water level. The alewife committee is working on a process to regulate water level for the benefit of landowners, fish and the ecology of the pond. Gunnar and Kathy Limeburner are taking on water level regulation as a project.

John Gray filled two holes with cold patch. There are cracks in the pavement in need of sealing before the situation worsens. Brooksville will call a crack sealing company for an estimate.

In consultation with the DEP the downed trees at the beach can be cut, but the stumps can't be removed. Should be done in the off season in case there are issues with the stumps falling into place.

John Kimball: Need to send a thank you letter to the FWP for the \$3000. Will send a notice to the Weekly Packet announcing the donation for courtesy boat inspection.

John Kimball will get together with someone from the alewife committee and also the Friends of Walker Pond to discuss the water level concerns.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for July 14, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 9:52am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, John Kimball. Also present: Don Hill (Representing Friends of Walker Pond)

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the June 16th 2021 meeting. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:52am. All in favor.

Motion to increase boat inspector wage to \$15/hr. **Sheahan, Publicover, Gray, Snow, Bakeman in favor. Astbury opposed.**

Discussion:

At the Brooksville Community Center on August 3rd 7pm Friends of Walker Pond hosting a talk about the past and present of Walker Pond with speakers Ciona Ulbrich and Mike Thalhauser.

Friends of Walker Pond donated \$3000 to support courtesy boat inspection.

Trees down at the beach. First call should John Cullen about the best way to address the issue. Brooksville will contact DEP. Ben will contact Jeffery Bunt about clearing the downed trees.

John Kimball: We need to raise the height of the bridge and re-grade the path. Lawnmower isn't working, and the battery for the tractor needs replacing.

The talk with Ciona and Mike should be an opportunity to discuss the control of the water level. There's a hole in the tarred road that needs to be repaired. John Gray will investigate filling the hole with cold patch.

Cooper Farm Rd is washed out again; needs re-working of drainage.

Ellsworth is paying inspectors \$15/hr. We should be pro-active and increase.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for June 16, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 9:47am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the May 13th 2021 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to adjourn at 9:47am. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Floats have been installed.

So far things are progressing well for early summer. Inspectors are reporting no issues.

Ben will contact Ciona about Sedgwick's town meeting vote to accept the gift of land at the outlet.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 13, 2021

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:50pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the April 8th 2021 meeting. All in favor.

Motion to elect Hal Snow to chair committee. All in favor.

Discussion:

Trees down by the shore. Ben spoke to David Hamilton who removed the downed trees. Ben will remove other tree debris.

Ben: Time to consider change of chairmanship. It's been three years with Sedgwick in the chairmanship.

No one knows the status of float installation. John Kimball needs Bill Grant's cell phone number for coordination.

Report from John Kimball: Two courtesy boat inspectors are staffing the landing. Everything's going well. Alewives are coming into the pond.

Next meeting will be in person on June 9th at 9:15. All meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month at the Brooksville Town Office.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for April 8, 2021

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:55pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the December 2020 meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to replace items stolen in burglary. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

John Kimball: Floats are ready to go in and will contact Billy about installing. Courtesy boat inspectors are lined up for April on the weekends. Margaret will work two days once we reach Memorial Day and a full schedule of boat inspecting. We have not replaced any of the stolen items: Tool kit, gas cans, and weed whacker.

Bought courtesy boat inspectors hats and there is a new sign. There are some blown down trees that need to be cleaned up.

Ben will call Jeffery Bunt about the blow-downs as well as some cleaning up along the roadway.

John Kimball: It's not urgent but we need a plan to address issues with the path to the swim area. Resurfacing of the path, raising the bridge. Also, there is a beaver dam under the bridge at the Mill Pond.

Ben: The DOT should remove the dam under the bridge. Will call the DOT in Bangor.

John Kimball: As part of the comprehensive plan committee, put in goal of establishing a procedure to regulate the water level. The alewife committee is coming up with a plan for water regulation and will present it to the landing committee. The committee should have a record of what's been done so that we have the data needed to make decisions. Will get in touch with Alewife Committee to present at our next meeting.

Also, suggested an inland harbor master to oversee the boat inspection program, the water level, and regulation of rules at the landing.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for December 10, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:58pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the November 12th meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Stick Sturtevant contacted Bob Publicover about vandalism and encroachment on their property abutting the town landing property.

John Gray: We may have to put a fence demarcating the boundary where there's a path leading to the Sturtevant's property.

Bob: Would that need DEP approval?

Ben: Yes, should check with DEP about any fence placement.

John: Check with landowner about options including fence or sign or both.

Ben: Will call John Cullen about discussion with Sturtevants.

Ben heard from MMA about vandalism. Did not meet the \$1000 deductible so claim was denied.

Ben checked with Orland about their handling of dam and fishway. Water level is controlled by a dam upstream. Chair of fish committee, Peter Robshaw, takes care of fishway and monitors waterflow. Someone should talk to Peter Robshaw about monitoring process. John Gray will contact Brooksville's fish committee member, Eugene Lymeburner, about calling Peter Robshaw for information.

Ben: Talked to Jeff Bunt about roadside trimming.

Next meeting will be in April unless an issue arises that needs attention.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for November 12, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:47pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the October 8th meeting. **All in favor.** Motion to set \$15,000 for the budget for next year. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Ben has been in contact with Maine Municipal about the break in. Will know about coverage by next month's meeting.

The Walker Pond outlet project is complete. All agree that it looks great. John Kimball: Question remains whether someone will be controlling the water level to benefit the alewives. Who will be responsible?

Ben will call Orland to see how they control their dam.

Next year's budget: \$15,000 contribution for each town for next year's budget.

John Kimball: Talked to Todd Bewig about repairing the damaged float. Should happen by next meeting.

Ben: Should we meet December 10th and consider taking time off from monthly meeting?

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Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:55pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the September10th meeting. All in favor.

Motion to have Todd Bewig look at the float for repair. All in favor.

Motion to have Bob Gray pump outhouse at end of season and remove objects. All in favor.

Discussion:

Ben: Checkbook balance looks good and on pace.

John Kimball: On track to have conducted over 1000 inspections this season compared to 650 last year, and payroll for inspections is up accordingly. Floats and docks will be pulled after Indigenous Peoples Day. One of the docks will need attention before reinstalled next year; one of the floats is punctured.

Budget discussion for next year:

Ben: We've got a healthy balance this year.

John Gray: Perhaps drop the amount to \$15,000?

Hal: Will there be expenses related to the new facility at the Walker Pond Outlet?

Ben: Will reach out to Ciona before next month and also ask about how the construction

project is impacting the water level.

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Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:55pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the August 13 meeting. All in favor.

Motion for Ben to meet with Jeffery Bunt to discuss beaver dam removal and roadside brush cutting. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Toilet facility issue:

Pending until the end of season. John Kimball installed a sign detailing proper use of the privy.

Beaver Update:

Ben talked to DEP about dam removal. As long as the dam is a threat to town facility infrastructure, it can be removed. Ben contacted Jeffery Bunt about removal and will meet Ben at the facility.

Snow removal:

Ben suggests to take an average of the last five years for plowing cost to be split between Sedgwick and Brooksville. Brooksville agrees.

Cooper Farm Rd:

The road has been graded out but the poor drainage issues remain. Everyone should think about possible solutions for next meeting.

John Kimball: The truck taking water from the pond leaks a little oil. Ben will contact Wardwell about the issue.

RF Jordan continues to work on the extensive reconfiguration of the outlet. So far the work looks excellent.

Full time inspections ended on Labor Day. 895 inspections this season. Higher than normal.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 13, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:55pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, John Kimball, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman Others present: Kathy Flood (Friends of Walker Pond)

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the July 9 meeting as amended. All in favor.

Discussion:

Toilet facility issue:

John Kimball: Bobby Gray says people are putting things in the toilet that can't be pumped out. Cans and bottles, diapers, a swimming noodle. We need to put up a sign detailing the use of the privy.

Ben: Can we investigate what it's going to take to clean it out.

John Kimball: Will look into it. We have the capacity for the rest of the summer.

Beaver Update:

John Kimball: No current beaver activity, but the structures are still there.

Ben: Should we check with DEP or the warden's service to see what we can do? Ben will try again to contact Jeffery Bunt about brush work and dismantling the dam. Ben will contact DEP and/or warden.

Brush trimming:

See above.

Snow removal:

Plowing the access is included in Sedgwick's contract currently out to bid.

Cooper Farm Rd:

Ben has discussed issues with Paul, but work has not been done.

John Kimball: New driver for Wardwell was at the pond at a time not advantageous.

Ben: If it happens again, Ben will talk to Horace.

John Kimball: Can we have a copy of the agreement at the inspector shed? It would be helpful for them to know what the conditions of the permit are.

John Kimball: The water level is very low. We need to get a handle on regulating water level before we are responsible for maintaining the dam.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for July 9, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:04pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben

Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, John Kimball

Others present: Kathy Flood (Friends of Walker Pond)

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the June 11 meeting as amended. All in favor.

Discussion:

John Kimball: Gangway has been installed on the float but placement doesn't allow for congregation on the float. Ladder has been installed. Swim floats haven't moved but they haven't posed a problem. A swim line has also been installed. One of the picnic tables has been moved back into position. There's sanitizer to clean the bathroom and hand sanitizer inside. Only problem has been a family party at the boat launch; the boat inspector moved inspection up the hill and away from the crowd. Hopefully, that kind of incident will not happen again. Is the sheriff likely to respond to a call about this? Other people did turn around when they saw the crowd. We should have a response when something like this does occur so it doesn't spoil it for others.

Ben: It's up to the state to enforce face coverings. And the sheriff's department is taxed dealing with a covid-19 requirements and may not respond in a timely manner. They might be able to handle it, but the reality of the situation may dictate whether or not they show up in time.

John Kimball: It's been better than I anticipated, so I'm not discouraged yet. A number of families are using the facility and enjoying it and the feedback has been positive.

Hal Snow: If problems like that become more frequent, we'll have to consider shutting the facility down.

Ben: Jeff Hamilton isn't available for tree trimming and brush work. Will try Jeffery Bunt, who's done work on the road in the past. Also will call Paul Carter about fixing Cooper Farm Rd to see if he's able to do the work.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for June 11, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:00pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the May 14 and the May 28 meetings. All in favor.

Motion to install the gangway, install Covid-19 related signs, install a hand sanitizer on the bathroom and move the floats to the parking area. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Communication from MMA answers the questions about liability, but we need to make a decision about opening.

John Kimball: So far what he's seen and feedback from inspectors is that family groups are maintaining proper distancing and using common sense with regard to safety. Got some signs: Stop one person at a time. Keep your distance (with a graphic of two bodies and 6') The one at a time sign could go on the gangway.

John Gray: We should try to keep it open and see what happens.

John Kimball: I don't think we should install the floats.

Hal Snow: Happy to have it open and reconsider if cases climb.

Ben: There's a checklist accompanying the email from MMA we need to abide by for safe operation.

Bob: We should install the gangway and not the floats.

Michael: We should keep it open if we can.

Ben: Agrees that we should try to keep facility open if we can satisfy the conditions of the checklist. and see what happens as the summer progresses. If we can satisfy the conditions of the checklist. We should move the floats up to the parking lot to get them out of the way and take away the temptation for kids to climb on them.

Michael: What should we do about the bathroom facility?

John Kimball: Has been looking for hand sanitizer dispenser and will continue to find one that's not backordered.

John Kimball will call Billy about moving the floats to the parking lot.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 28, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:06pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Discussion:

John: People have been doing pretty well. But his concern is that people will go down there

anyway.

Ben: There are liability issues that we need to consider.

Options discussed for accesss facility this summer:

First option: Status quo

Second option: Open with signage

Third option: Closed to swimming

Fourth option: Closed

Questions for MMA: Liability and safety for employees and proper signage.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for March 12, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:40pm. Adjourned at 6:00pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Robert Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the February 13th meeting as written. **All in favor.** Motion to trap and relocate beavers. **All in favor.** Ben Astbury was nominated to continue as chair. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Ben will contact Paul Carter to fix Cooper Farm Rd according to engineer's report.

Trimming along roadside should happen before summer. Ben Astbury will contact Jeff Hamilton about doing the work.

Ben will contact Bill Grant about float installation in April. Gangway landing on the swimming float worked well last year. Will continue with that configuration.

Talked about beaver dam dismantling possibilities. A mini-excavator might work. Brooksville will contact Pete Hardy about dam removal techniques.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for February 13, 2020

Meeting opened at 5:45pm. Adjourned at 6:10pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray. Also present: John Kimball, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the November 14th meeting as written. All in favor.

Discussion:

Beavers have been active and the dam complex still needs to be dismantled. Ben Astbury hasn't been able to find someone.

John Kimball has tried to contact the engineer in charge of regulating the water level. Water level is currently very high. He will continue to pursue information about who regulates the water level and with what method. He will also talk to Ron Hawkins about what's been done in the past.

Ben Astbury will give Paul Carter the report from the engineer about what needs to happen with road maintenance.

Engineer's report mentions the need to repair Cooper Farm section of gravel road. Hopefully, this can be addressed before summer traffic.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for November 14, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:15pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman. Also present: John Kimball, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the October 10th meeting as written. **All in favor.** Bob Publicover abstains.

Discussion:

Walker Pond's water level is very high and the beach sand has been eroded. There should be an effort to establish a set of rules to govern the water level at different times of year.

A missing float was returned and pulled from the pond. Signed a card of thanks to Mark Lyman for finding and retrieving it.

Tom Schley and, possibly, Margaret Hardy will be available for boat inspection next summer.

Now that the beavers have been relocated, we should work to dismantle the complex of dams that have been contributing to flooding and beach erosion. Sedgwick will try to find someone.

Paul Carter will plow and sand again this winter and grade Cooper Farm Rd.

The Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee will next meet on February 13, 2020.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for October 10, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:45pm. Adjourned at 6:31

pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman. Also present: John Kimball, Ciona Ulbrich, Mike Burke, David Carter, Matt Dow, John Higgins

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the September 12th meeting as written. All in favor.

Discussion:

Permit by rule extends three years for our plan for rock removal. Also, raising the footbridge would not need a new permit.

Ben will call Ray McDonald about mowing and vegetation removal.

Courtesy boat inspection ends this weekend. (10/13)

There's a pot hole/sink hole that needs addressing.

Three beavers have been relocated so far. We'll continue to monitor the situation.

John Kimball: There's some erosion of the beach sand that should be addressed. It would be better for both the beach and the pond.

Ben will call John Cullen about ideas to address the issue.

Report from Tom Schley: Suggests another gangway for easier walk-in access next to the current gangway leading to the float. Trash wasn't an issue this year. Doggie bags worked out, but cigarette butts are still a problem. Need a first aid kit. Has had some complaints about dogs not under control. Had an overall positive experience this summer.

John Kimball called Billy Grant to remove the floats.

Ciona Ulbrich: Presented plans for Mill Pond. Needs to start permitting process soon. Plan includes improvements to the fish passage, repairs to the dam, parking, and changes to the hydrant pipe and the ability for pumpers to pull off the roadway to fill.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for September 12, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:45pm. Adjourned at 6:25pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray. Also present: John Kimball, Kathy Flood

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the August 8th meeting as written. All in favor.

Discussion:

No expiration noted on application for the permit by rule for rock removal. Ben will call Andrew to confirm.

Courtesy boat inspection has been going well. Margaret Hardy returned to fill in the gap in coverage and has expressed interested in returning next year.

John Gray: We need to address the vegetation growing up on the side of the road. Some tree trimming and mowing is needed.

Paving has held up after quality issues were addressed. Shoulders still need work. Sedgwick will remind Paul Carter this needs to be done.

Ben: Should we include plowing access to Walker Pond in a new plowing arrangement in effect in 2020/21? Paul Carter will continue to plow this year. All agree this is a good approach.

Boat inspection will continue until Columbus Day weekend.

Whenever it looks like the swim floats can be removed, we will contact Billy.

Kathy Flood: Looks like a beaver dam is being built in the bridge vicinity, and the path to the swimming area needs additional material.

There has been flooding in this area and the bridge and path may need to be raised. Will have to check with Andrew about the necessity of permitting for this.

Kathy Flood: There's a covered trailer with New York plates sitting in the upper parking lot without a vehicle attached.

Ben: Should contact the warden's service if it becomes an issue.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 8, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:35pm. Adjourned at 6:15pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman, John Gray. Also present: Melinda Donovan, Marilyn Heineman, John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the July11th meeting as written. **All in favor**. Motion to purchase the float ladder from AH Marine. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

John Kimball has a ladder for the gangway float and is investigating the best way to fasten it in place.

Ben Astbury cleaned up the brush from when the concrete pad was installed as well as removing a widow-maker.

Do we have a replacement for Nick when he leaves? John Kimball is looking into it. Nick will leave on 8/20 so we need a replacement until Labor Day. Tom has agreed to work Fri, Sat, Sun, and after that we need one more week.

Gangway float has been anchored in place.

Ben: We should send a card of thanks to Nick before he leaves.

Paving issue has been resolved and bill has been paid. Paul Carter is going to work on the shoulders and shaping Cooper Farm Rd.

Thanks to Michael Sheahan for the step and the handrail for the new bulkhead.

Need to check the permit for expiration date for moving the stones out of the swimming area.

Friends of Walker Pond presented a check for \$3000 as a contribution to support courtesy boat inspection.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for July 11, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 5:55pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, Hal Snow, Richard Bakeman . Also present: Kathy Flood, Marilyn Heineman

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of the June 13th meeting as written.

Discussion:

Concrete pad is installed, and the gangway and float have been placed. Will need steps or a ramp to access the pad and lines and anchors to hold the float in place.

Picnic tables have been fixed. Will send a thank you to the fixer.

Paving complete but Paul Carter says job was sub-standard and will need to be fixed. Will withhold payment until issues are addressed.

John Kimball set the swimming floats in place.

Cooper Farm Rd needs fixing. Ben will talk to Dave Webb about addressing the issue.

One of the boat inspectors will be leaving in the middle of August, and a replacement will need to be found for the rest of the season.

Marilyn Heineman: Hasn't been receiving the minutes. Michael Sheahan will send a reminder along with minutes to correct this. A check for courtesy boat inspection will come at the next meeting.

Action:

Ben Astbury: Motion to build a ramp or steps to access the gangway. All in favor.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for June 13, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:20pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of May 9th meeting with a clarification concerning the permit for taking water from Walker Pond. **All in favor**. Bob Publicover abstained.

Discussion:

Ben Astbury spoke to Andy Gray about completing the concrete pad. Ben will call him again to get it done as soon as possible.

Michael Sheahan fixed the outhouse door.

The dock is listing to one side. This should be investigated to discover if we need to replace a float. John Kimball will look into the size for replacement.

The Cooper Farm Rd section has suffered from erosion issues. Ben will ask Paul Carter to grade the road at the same time as he grades before tarring. Better ditches and some way to slow the speed of runoff will be necessary to fix the issue.

The new signs have been installed. We're still waiting on the cigarette disposal unit.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 9, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:15pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of April 11 meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Ben Astbury spoke to Bill Grant about float installation and a date of 5/20 as a deadline. Ben also spoke to Andy Gray about pouring a concrete pad for setting the gangway for better swimming access.

Andrew McCullough is working on the permit by rule for moving the rocks from the new swimming access to the right of the gangway.

The outhouse door needs to be rehabilitated.

Don Buckingham sent an email on the progress of signs, cigarette disposal unit, and dog waste disposal unit. The cigarette disposal unit is on backorder, but all else is ready and should be installed next week.

Received CBI Grant of \$1500 for boat inspection from the Invasive Aquatic Species Program.

John Kimball will install windows in the inspector shed so that the inspectors can see both incoming car traffic and boat traffic.

Sedgwick has a permit form for taking water from Walker Pond using the landing.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for April 11, 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:15pm. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Don Buckingham, Ciona Ulbrich

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of March 13 meeting. **All in favor**. Motion to raise the wage of the inspectors to \$12/hr. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Received a call from Rodger Picard concerning our decision not to pave the parking lot. Michael Sheahan will call Picard about staying with the plan not to pave the parking lot.

Ben has not yet received information from Andrew regarding the plan to change swimming access.

Ben will call Andy Gray about pouring a small concrete pad to set the gangway.

Ciona Ulbrich: BH Heritage Trust purchased land at the Walker Pond outlet. Engineers are working on improvements to the dam. There's also the possibility of moving the dry hydrant to the other side of the road where it would make for easier access. Public safety at the dam is also an issue that needs to be addressed, and would like some input from the towns about how to handle this. A sight visit may be the helpful to talk about the several different issues. Would like to see in-stream construction in 2020 and would plan to turn property over to the towns at completion.

Meeting set for April 17th at 6pm at the Walker Pond outlet.

Don Buckingham: Will be putting up the signs in the next few weeks.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for March 13, 2019

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:04am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, Bob Publicover, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow.

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of January meeting. All in favor.

Motion to elect Ben Astbury as chair. All in favor.

Motion to elect Michael Sheahan as secretary. All in favor.

Motion to include the final section of paving in Sedgwick's paving schedule for 2019. **All in favor**.

Motion to meet on the second Thursday of the month in Sedgwick at 5:30pm. **All in favor.** Motion to approve the proposal from Friends of Walker Pond for signage, dog waste and cigarette dispensers. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

Amounts approved at town meeting in both Sedgwick and Brooksville. This year should be the last year for tarring. Should investigate our responsibility of the maintenance of the Cooper Farm section of the access. Perhaps this could be shared with the other users of the upper section of the road.

Invite Hans Carlson to next month's meeting.

Moving meeting to Sedgwick for 2019 on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm.

Ben will call Andrew about filing a permit by rule for work associated with setting the gangway for better swimming access.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for January 9, 2019

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:12am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of December meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Met with John Cullen about changes to the swimming area. We can remove a 10' swath of rocks allowing for a rock free entry to the pond to the right of the dock using a permit by rule. The gangway could be mounted to the side of the dock to land on a float.

Ben spoke to Paul Carter who has received complaints about the decision stop plowing all the way to the water.

Received a letter from the DEP concerning the important work of courtesy boat inspectors and the monitoring for invasive aquatic plants.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for December 12, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:12am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of November meeting. **All in favor**. Bob Publicover abstains. Motion to appoint Don Buckingham as Sedgwick's alternate. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Beavers at Walker Pond: Pete Hardy of Deer Isle has been engaged to trap at a rate of \$100/beaver. Beavers have built a dam under the footbridge. Beavers will be live trapped and relocated.

John Kimball: Has Horace Wardwell ever obtained a permit to take water from the pond? Ben: Not yet.

Don Buckingham: What about other types of commercial activities like guides bringing clients to the pond?

Board not inclined to introduce new set of permitting requirements unless an issue becomes a problem in the future.

Ben: John Cullen will be here on the 19th at 9am to look at our swimming situation.

Ben: Discussed the issue with Paul Carter about what to use to shore up the shoulders. Paul was supposed to provide numbers for different materials.

John Kimball: At this point it will have to wait until spring since road sand has filled in the erosion.

Ben: Perhaps we should ask Paul if he's got the time to do the work and maybe look at sharing the work with Brooksville's road commissioner.

Plowing: Should the plowing happen all the way to pond?

Ben: There could be an issue about having plow trucks being able to turn around down there when there's a lot of snow.

Richard: We should leave it to the plow operator to plow what is necessary.

After some discussion about the merits of different plowing options, decided to notify Paul Carter to end plowing at the pond side of the upper parking lot.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for November 14, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:10am. Adjourned at 10:15am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken:

Motion to amend Ben Astbury's statement in the minutes concerning the plowing contract to read: "If we put it out to bid, we might alienate the contractor who's been plowing by the hour, and prior contract and rates associated with bids were well above cost per hour last year." **All in favor.**

Motion to accept minutes of October meeting with clarification to Ben Astbury's statement concerning plowing. **All in favor**.

Motion to send thank you letter to Friends of Walker Pond with corrections. **All in favor**. Motion to raise \$20,000 per town for next year. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Ben composed a letter to thank Friends of Walker Pond for their donation of funds and time. We'll make a formal copy for signatures.

Ben has a call into DEP representative, John Cullen, about meeting and will contact the rest of the committee when a date and time is set.

John Kimball: Noticed that the erosion issues on road shoulders haven't been addressed. If it doesn't get done soon, we could run into problems with spring run-off.

Ben Astbury: Has been trying to get Paul Carter to address the issue. Will ask again.

Smoking Issue: Need to amend the current rule to include other products and use only in the designated smoking area. Sheahan will draft a new rule for review at the next meeting.

John Gray: Should Sedgwick find an alternate member for the committee in case there's an issue with establishing a quorum. John Kimball is Brooksville's alternate.

Ben: We'll put it on the agenda for when Bob returns.

Ben: Should we think about alternating the meeting location between towns? Perhaps alternating yearly with the switch happening at town meeting time? We'll keep this as a discussion issue.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for October 10, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:10am. Adjourned at 10:15am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of August meeting. All in favor.

Motion to accept minutes of September meeting. All in favor.

Motion to hire Paul Carter to plow Walker Pond access road and look into getting Blue Hill Heritage Trust to share the cost in plowing the first section. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Storage shed is in place and loaded with equipment.

Bob Publicover: Inspectors Tom and Nick were excellent this year. Both are talking about coming back for next season.

John Kimball: Billy removed floats and neatly stacked them. All buoys out of the water.

Ben Astbury: Dedication ceremony for Nelson's plaque went well and was well attended.

Ben Astbury: John Cullen is available anytime to meet. (Ben will set up a meeting and notify everyone of the time if anyone else is able to attend.)

John Kimball: Maybe we should look into pre-cast concrete as a ramp for water access to the right of the boat ramp.

Ben Astbury: Budget season is coming up. Paving and swimming access are the two items in excess of regular operating costs. It might be a good idea to think of a budget increase.

John Gray: Maybe we should go to \$25k to include addressing road maintenance.

John Kimball: Do we need to address plowing for this winter? Are we going out to bid for this?

Ben Astbury: If we put it out to bid, we might alienate the contractor who's been plowing by the hour.

Hal Snow: If we've got a situation that works, we should stick with it.

Ben Astbury: We should add the new shed to the insurance policy. (Ben will ask Cindy to contact MMA about the addition.)

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for September 12, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:10am. Adjourned at 10:36am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Tom Schley, Julia Randall, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken:

Motion to accept minutes of August meeting. All in favor.

Motion to have Ben Astbury contact John Cullen of the DEP to look at our idea of creating a swimming area to the right of the dock. **All in favor.**

Motion to purchase the storage shed from Hillview Mini-Barns for \$4315 with \$95 for delivery. **All in favor**.

Motion for Brooksville to invite Rick Littlefield to the next meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Have to schedule the plaque dedication. Will check with Claire about the suitability of Sept 22 at 10am.

Storage Shed: 10x16 \$4315 with \$95 delivery. Hillview Mini-Barns from Pennsylvania. It would be large enough to hold all the equipment with room for expansion, and allow the shed at the water to be used for inspectors.

Swimming access issue:

Julia Randall: There's no place to put your shoes, and there are rocks at the end of the ramp where swimmers step into the water. Water is not deep enough to dive in from the ramp.

Sheahan: Should we use the ramp? Why not have a sandy access area in the same place as the ramp.

Kimball: Biggest recurring problem is segregating the swimming and boating area. Creating a beach and having a place for parents to monitor from a float is the most straightforward solution that could be in place for next summer.

Ben: Perhaps we should contact John Cullen to look at the feasibility before we seek the opinion of an engineer.

After hours access:

Tom Schley: There has been evidence of use after hours with bottles discarded, some of them broken.

Sheahan: Can we close access after hours?

Kimball: We could ask the sheriff's office to include it in patrols.

Smoking, trash and dogs:

FOWP proposes to purchase a cigarette disposal unit for as yet undesignated smoking area and a dispenser for dog waste bags and signage to alert the public to the use of both. Trash can/recycling may be more than FOWP can handle. Signs to promote Carry-in/Carry out may be a better option. Don Buckingham will return with a formal proposal.

Taking water from the pond at the landing:

John Kimball: Has Horace Wardwell received his permit from Sedgwick?

Ben: Not yet.

John: It would be good to get this resolved so that we can notify others that a permit is needed.

Increased boat use from Robin Hood:

An invitation will be extended to Rick Littlefield to attend the next meeting.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for August 8, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:04am. Adjourned at 11:00am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Tom Schley, Maryrae Means, Cathy Flood, Don Buckingham

Actions Taken: Motion to accept minutes of July meeting. **All in favor.** Michael Sheahan abstains.

Motion to increase the inspector wages from \$10/hour to \$11/hour. All in favor.

Motion to give Horace Wardwell a special activity permit, renewable yearly, to obtain water from Walker Pond as long as it does not conflict with the public use of the facility. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Swimming access issue:

Maryrae Means: Need a safer way for older people to get into the water. A path just to the right of the opening to the dock may be the best place for this.

Ben Astbury: Maybe the gangway could be placed right into the water to provide access at that point.

John Kimball: The small float should located away from the dock because it's not stable enough to handle its current use, and its placement impedes boat docking.

Need to solve two access issues: Walk in access to the right of the landing and having a place for kids to swim off a floating platform away from the boat landing. In the meantime placing the gangway to the right of the landing for walk-in access will work as a temporary end-of-season solution.

Smoking, trash and dogs:

Don Buckingham: Friends of Walker Pond has a check for \$3000 for inspectors. FWP has funds to provide for animal-proof trash containment and for someone to come and pick up trash.

Also needed is a safe disposal unit for cigarette butts and a receptacle for dog waste.

Kathy Flood: Diapers have been thrown into toilet facility.

Tom Schley: Someone left diapers at the end of the dock.

John Gray: A designated smoking area near the parking area with cigarette butt disposal trash can may help to contain both smoking and fire danger.

Don Buckingham will provide a proposal for animal proof waste disposal at the next meeting in September.

Sheahan: A unit should address trash, recyclables, and 5 cent deposit.

Dog issue:

Don Buckingham: What's the policy?

Ben Astbury: State law is that dogs need to be under owner control.

Don: Friends interested in providing sign addressing control of dogs and disposal of waste. Will include this in proposal for September's meeting.

Sheahan: Horace Wardwell wants to know if it's ok to use the landing access to get water from Walker Pond. Action taken to provide Horace with permit provided that activity does not get in the way of public use.

John Kimball: Has there been any movement on shoring up the shoulders of the access road? Ben: Paul Carter has been made aware of the issues as well as the type of materials to be used.

Ben: Did John Kimball look into the cost of buildings for gear storage?

John: \$4700 for 10' x 18'.

Ben: Best placement would be to the side of the upper parking area.

Ben: Can John Kimball get some figures and information in anticipation of purchasing a building before winter?

John Kimball: Robin Hood's use of the pond seems to be expanding.

Don: Subject was discussed at last FWP meeting. Owner of Robin Hood said his boats are not supposed to be used south of Gull Rock.

John Kimball: There are a number of buoys in the pond placed by Robin Hood including a green one with limited visibility in the middle of the pond.

Ben: Should we invite Robin Hood representatives to a meeting to discuss use of buoys? John Kimball: Strict adherence to rules regarding placement of buoys may be problematic and counter to common sense.

Received a complaint from Catherine Larson about a dangerous boating situation. Sheahan will respond. Inland Fisheries Warden John Carter is official to contact. Maine State Police dispatch should be able to connect with warden.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for June 13, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:11am. Adjourned at 10:11am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of May meeting with the correction that the motion read that the upper section of the Walker Pond access be "paved". **All in favor.** Motion to authorize John Kimball to purchase new swim line spending up to \$500. **All in favor.**

Discussion:

John Kimball introduced Nick Beaudoin as the newest landing employee.

Andrew McCullough's report: We didn't get this in time to do the recommended shoulder work before the paving happening now. Ben talked to Andrew about attaching the gangway to the bulkhead. Ben located a possible location a place of attachment which wouldn't require physically attaching it to the bulkhead. We've got to go down there and come up with a list of materials to get the job done and then schedule a day for installation.

Claire Grindal is checking on the location of the chainsaw and related gear.

Ben suggests having July's meeting at the landing to dedicate Nelson's plaque. Will check with Claire about the date.

Awarded \$1500 in a grant from the DEP which is \$300 less than last year.

The Walkers Pond watershed survey is happening on June 22. There's a concern about the nature of the report and its publication. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the report before it is published? John Kimball will check.

How should we organize the payment for paving? Cindy will write the check and Brooksville will reimburse after July's meeting? Ben will talk to Cindy to see if there's a best way on Sedgwick's end.

John Kimball: It would be helpful to have another shed for storage because the building intended for inspectors has become filled with stuff. Maybe the FOWP would be interested in supporting that? John Kimball will research options.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 11, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:12am. Adjourned at 10:00am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of April meeting with the correction that Jim Bonnes will receive a raise of \$1/hr. **All in favor**. Motion to select the upper portion of Walker Pond access with this year's funds. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Plowing Walker Pond access. Need to talk to BHHT about plowing the first section of the road. Paul Carter plowed the first part to get access to the town owned part. Ben will call BHHT.

All the equipment is in place. Still don't have the chainsaw.

Bill Grant will put the floats in over the next couple of weeks. Andrew is expected to get back to us about the use of the gangway.

Quotes for the bid pricing came in with a low bid of \$72/ton. With that price it would be around \$44k to pave both sections. With this information it makes sense to pave one section.

Verified the location of the stone on which to mount Nelson's plaque. Michael Sheahan will coordinate this with the Granite Shop.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for April 11, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:30am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Bob Publicover, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of February meeting. **All in favor**. Ben Astbury elected Chair. Michael Sheahan elected Secretary. **All in favor**. Voted to give Jim Bonnes a \$1 raise. **All in favor**.

Discussion:

Ben will call Andrew about using the gangway. Colby had been the point person on this.

Starting up next weekend. It's open season for fishing. Need to get all the necessary equipment in place. Missing a chain saw and, possibly, a push mower. John Kimball will use the equipment list to check on the location of everything.

Paving for this year: Don't know what the pricing is going to be at this point. We'll complete whatever we've got funds for. Will most likely happen in June or July when pavers are in the area. Paul Carter says that there's a need for shoulder work along the paved section of the road. Ben will contact Paul to get the work done.

Plowing: Should look into this year's cost to see if we should go back to having a plowing contract.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust is looking into grant money for the town to purchase the Walker Pond outlet and dam to control the alewives. Ben: Is there an exposure to risk to owning a dam? Could there be co-ownership between Brookville and Sedgwick? Ben: That spot is a vital source of water for the fire departments.

John Kimball: Wants to give a \$1 raise to Jim Bonnes. Watershed survey: June 22nd. Reserving Brooksville town office 8am-4pm as a coordinating location. Ben: Sargentville fire station is close to the landing; could use that as a staging location. Need volunteers for the watershed survey.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for February 14, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:07am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of January meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Ben: We had \$6k balance in our Walker's Pond account according to the audit, and we'll be using it to offset the need of funds in this year's warrant.

Colby hasn't heard from Andrew about the ramp. Sedgwick will call him again.

On the suggestion of past boat inspector, need bigger sign spelling out rules and regulations. Something large and laminated. Voted: All in favor to make it happen using the resources of the Brooksville Town Office.

John Gray will look for the list of equipment. Noted that it would be helpful to take an inventory at the beginning and end of season.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for January 10, 2018

Meeting opened at 9:12am. Adjourned at 10:07am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Hans Carlson

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of December meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Aluminum ramp: Colby got in touch with Andrew who will look at the options and get back to us.

Caterpillar Hill: Heritage Trust came to last Sedgwick Selectman's meeting. Still waiting for progress, but it timeline is unknown. Hans Carlson: The support of both towns and the access to Walker Pond was instrumental in getting the LFMF grant. They are \$50k away from goal. Could be in ownership late spring. After ownership we could re-locate the swimming area. There's a small triangle of land that abuts Cooper Farm that could swap for the lower piece on the water. However long this process takes, we could come to agreement to use the swimming area.

Broken outhouse door has been re-secured, and it closable. Will need attention before summer.

Budget: Ben measured the length. Both sections together are 4/10's of a mile. Based on what we paid last year, it will probably be around \$30k. Proposal to put \$20k in each of the budgets and if for some reason it won't cover the cost to complete both sections, we can split it into two years. **All in favor**.

Mounting Nelson's plaque: Need to try and find someone, a stone worker or someone who works with headstones to mount the plaque to the granite. Perhaps first place to ask is the Granite Shop. Granite Shop can do this. \$100-\$200.

Jake Meyer called regarding the status of wood harvesting. Colby: Sedgwick voted to not harvest. Might make sense to clean up blow-downs along the road but going in there to harvest doesn't make sense.

John Kimball: Should Paul Carter be taking salt and sand from Brooksville's supply for the Walker Pond Rd? No one knows anything about this.

Vote to put an ad in the Weekly Packet and the Ellsworth American for boat inspectors. **All in favor**. Need to come up with a new formal job description since responsibilities have changed. John Kimball will work on this so we can discuss it next month.

Is there a list of equipment we own? There's a chainsaw that may be at Nelson's house, for example.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for December 13, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:09 am. Adjourned at 9:53am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of November meeting. All in favor.

Discussion:

Is the old aluminum ramp from the Sedgwick town landing available for use at Walker Pond? Sedgwick will look into it. Float discussed last month is down at landing. Ben: Mounting a new gangway to a float may require a design and application process. Colby will get ahold of Andrew to discuss what's possible with what we've got to work with.

Caterpillar Hill: Heritage Trust was successful in its grant. The rest of the acquisition process and the timing are unknown at this point.

Sedgwick selectmen have yet to investigate the broken outhouse door.

Budget: Previous discussion of an additional \$40,000 for paving. Estimated costs before the end of the fiscal year on July 1st: \$10k between plowing, sanding and payroll. Ben will measure what we're looking to pave to give us a better idea of remaining costs. At the next meeting we'll decide whether the contributions will be 20k or 25k per town. Ben will measure from the start of Cooper Farm to the top of the pavement and from the bottom of the pavement to the top of the parking lot.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for November 8, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:11 am. Adjourned at 9:38am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Ben Astbury, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of October meeting. All in favor. Ben Astbury abstain.

Discussion:

Caterpillar Hill: Blue Hill Heritage Trust making presentation to Land For Maine's Future in Augusta on 11/9. Should hear results soon.

Sedgwick Selectmen will investigate outhouse door.

John Kimball: There's a 12' x 14' float available from an anonymous source. John will look into how best to move it to Walker Pond landing.

Talk of budget and its relation to additional paving. Ben Astbury to see about getting an estimate for budgetary purposes.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for October 11, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:15 am. Adjourned at 9:58am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of August meeting with the addition of Ben Astbury to list of members present. All in favor.

Discussion:

Nelson's plaque has arrived. Wait until spring for installation.

There's a sign to right of the dock that is falling down and needs to be reset.

More paving next year? Colby suggests another \$40k. From the paving down to the pond. There are places where the shoulders need shoring up with coarse stone. On the plus side paving eliminates a lot of maintenance.

John Kimball: The swimming issue is making it difficult to keep inspectors. John Gray: We'll be holding off on solving that issue until we know what's happening with the Caterpillar Hill acquisition. Another access area would solve the problem. May be another year to resolve this.

Signs: Need one sign for dog regulation (leashing and cleaning up). Another buoy-mounted sign for headway speed only within 200' of the shore. Sign needs to be more prominent.

Docks will come out soon. Lawn mower and trailer leaving for the season. Weed wacker removed as well.

Outhouse door needs fixing.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for September 13, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:10 am. Adjourned at 9:51am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Friends of Walker Pond representatives: Kathy Flood, Parnell Ide

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of August meeting. All in favor. Michael Sheahan abstains.

Discussion:

Caterpillar Hill: Sedgwick made out application for a grant for our portion of the transaction. Gifted land could become a good location for swimming.

Nelson's plaque: On order. Have to decide where to put it. There's a large rock in a prominent spot for consideration.

Floats: Maybe gift of land from BHHT will make the swimming float unnecessary.

John Kimball: There will be a watershed survey by the lake association. Need someone from Sedgwick for the steering committee. Colby Pert volunteers.

Kathy Flood: Large dogs off of leashes can be a danger to older people and children. Could FOWP make signs reminding people of on-leash rule. Ben Astbury suggests checking leash law for language. Colby Pert doesn't want to create more work for monitors who aren't trained to respond to that sort of thing. John Gray makes motion to add a rule requiring leashed dogs. Motion passes. All in favor. Sedgwick will check with animal control officer about leash law language.

Need a sign to clarify that people cannot swim off the boat ramp. We'll wait and see how the new swim area resolves before we get too far on sign clarification.

Jet skis don't observe headway speed limit. Could we have a sign reminding people that headway speed is required in the appropriate places? Hal Snow notes that placing a headway speed sign on existing buoys is already in process. Contacting new warden concerning headway speed and enforcement is suggested.

Will send approved minutes of meeting to Marilyn Heineman and Kathy Flood.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for July 12, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:10 am. Adjourned at 9:44am. Members present: Michael Sheahan, Colby Pert, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: Friends of Walker Pond representatives: Kathy Flood, Marilyn Heineman

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of May meeting. All in favor.

Voted to make a plaque honoring Nelson Grindal. John Gray will get a price for a 8x11 plaque. All in favor.

Discussion Items:

Margaret Hardy says the outhouse needs to be pumped. Road has gotten good reviews. John Kimball got figures on creating a swimming area and dock. If we can get a plan in place for approval that's as far as we can go this year.

Call Percy Brown to get outhouse pumped.

Friends of Walker Pond: With road paved there's less dust and less phosphorous in pond. Will have to be careful of exceeding the speed limit with paved section. Maybe better signs would help. Perhaps there should be better signs for carry in/carry out. Noted that it's become a hangout spot at night. FWP have created a website. Can the minutes be sent by Gail so that they can be added to new website? Jet skis are a problem with speeding. There's a need for a better way to remind boaters of the rules: Headway speed within 200' of shore. Watershed survey coming up. Need someone from Sedgwick to participate on the advisory committee. Produced a check to cover extra two days of courtesy boat inspectors (\$3000).

Talked about a few options for improving the swimming possibilities.

Brooksville will also provide a letter of support for the MCHT/BHHT Caterpillar Hill project.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for May 10, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:10 am. Adjourned at 10am. Members present: Ben Astbury, Michael Sheahan, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball

Actions Taken: Acceptance of minutes of last meeting. All in favor.

Discussion Items:

Margaret Hardy submits idea to create better handicap swim area access. John Gray will contact Andrew about creating a plan to present to the DEP to create better access. Might be possible to get Friends of Walker Pond to fund some of the work.

Got tractor going but remains unlocked. Margaret can get a cable and lock at the hardware store. Hal will get another key for the tractor.

Jeff Hamilton hasn't been able to get there to clean up the downed trees. If he can't take care of it this week, somebody else will.

John Kimball: This year \$1800 DEP grant for invasive species inspections. More involved reporting requirements may be necessary for next year.

Put a plaque to Nelson on agenda for next time.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for April 12, 2017

Meeting opened at 9:05 am. Members present: Colby Pert, Michael Sheahan, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: John Kimball, Jim Bonnes

Actions Taken:

Acceptance of Minutes with the addition of Michael Sheahan as Secretary.

Paving estimate from Rodger Picard at \$70/ton. Money allocated for this would be enough with some left over to shape the road. \$36,700. Move to hire Rodger Picard of Pavement Management Services. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40. All in favor.

Discussion Items:

Jim Bonnes introduced himself with background. Talked about various invasive species issues.

Discussion of making a new spot to swim to move people away from the boat ramp. Need to find out how much it would cost to do necessary clearing.

Discussion that it's time to put the docks in.

Pictures passed around of downed trees. Colby will call Jeff Hamilton to see if he will do the work.

Sedgwick-Brooksville Town Landing Committee Minutes for March 8, 2017

Meeting opened at 9 am. Members present: Colby Pert, Ben Astbury, Michael Sheahan, John Gray, Richard Bakeman, Hal Snow. Also present: Margaret Hardy, Victor Smith, Duane Ford.

Actions Taken:

Moved, seconded and voted 6-0 to appoint John Gray to be president of the committee.

Moved, seconded and voted 6-0 to appoint Michael Sheahan to be secretary of the committee.

Moved, seconded and voted 6-0 to authorize James Bonnes as inspector.

Discussion Items:

An operable lawnmower is to be provided by April 15 with the ability to lock the mower to the building to discourage theft.

The commercial harvest of timber was voted down at both Sedgwick's and Brooksville's town meetings. Issue to be revisited at a later date.

With regard to the properties involved in the Caterpillar Hill Initiative, agree to keep open the possibility of acquisition in the future.

Discussion of section of access to be paved this summer to address wash-boarding issues. Discussed the possibility of combining bidding for town tarring.

Following attendance at the Milfoil Summit, Margaret Hardy noted that beginning next year the DEP will be awarding grant money.

Moved, seconded and voted 6-0 to adjourn at 9:40am.