

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 be 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.