

Commission Members:

Chair Pat Bailey, Jayne Foley, Daniel Herzlinger, Jennifer Fox, Robert Foster, Jon Kachmar, Kara Wooldrik, Simon Rucker, Baxter Miatke, Brian Wasser and City Counselor Anna Trevorrow

Not in attendance: Jayne, Brian Wasser, Anna Trevorrow

City of Portland **Land Bank Commission Agenda** **February 8th, 2023**

I. Call to Order

II. Citizen Comment Period:

III. Agenda Items

I. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: December 14th, 2022

Pat Bailey - y

Jayne Foley - a

Daniel Herzlinger - y

Jennifer Fox - y

Robert Foster - y

Jon Kachmar - y

Simon Rucker - y

Baxter Miatke - y

Brian Wasser - a

Anna Trevorrow - a

ii. New Business

- A. Robyn Saunders of Westbrook Economic Development and Loren Joyce of Ferguson - Westbrook Hand Carry Boat Launch Presentation - **Actions taken:** Baxter Miatke and Simon Rucker volunteered to head up the potential funding of the Hand-Carry boat launch at the Fore River. Ethan will review the legal question on Land Bank funding.
 - In relation to the Fore River property potential boat launch, we have asked Robyn and Loren to join us to discuss how they designed and implemented their own boat launch.

- i. Discussed challenges and their solutions to those challenges.
- ii. Funding was assisted by a CDBG grant.
- iii. Discussed parking lot improvements, invasive plant removal and surface stabilization improvements. Discussed materials used: permeable pavers, Articulating Concrete Blocks.
- iv. Once you reach the water, an Army Corps permit is needed.
- v. Clarified why boulders were used to prevent vehicle access to the launch. The City of Westbrook wanted to keep it hand-carry only.
- vi. Commissioners asked questions about safety, parking concerns, equipment needs for installation, and how funding was provided.
- vii. Commissioners discussed how this could apply to the Fore River Preserve. The Hobart street space is a CDBG eligible neighborhood.

iii. Old Business

- A. Land Bank Finance report - Presenting on Feb 27th, presenters Jon Kachmar and Simon Rucker.
 - a. Added screen captures to the North Deering portion.
 - b. No treasury updates

iv. Communications and Parcel Updates

- A. North Deering Park update - Ethan Hipple
 - a. Purchase and sale agreement will be on the City Council agenda 2/27. Closing will be April 30, 2023.
- B. In person/hybrid meeting update -
 - a. Hybrid meetings are possible starting March 8th, 2023, Room 24.
- C. Pheasant Hill Drive - **Actions taken:** Jon and Pat to discuss if street access is needed.
 - a. A resident has offered to buy the open space, but she was refused. Still developing. Street access is still a gray area, but is it needed?
- D. Parks Report/Land Bank Commission report -
 - a. Winter Activities: tree pruning, signage (featuring Wabinaki stories/history), sidewalk clearing. Harbor Commons. Retirement of Jeff Tarling. Large scale events and Parks Commission advising.
 - b. Many large scale projects are in the works, with additional funding coming in. Stroudwater Bridge fundraising and connection to a future land bank property.
- E. Recognizing Jon Kackmar and Ethan, Keith Forest, for their recent media attention.
- F. Coolidge Parcel updates -

v. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

Jon Kackmar - is working on getting more information on the Davis Family Pines property, will have more updated information soon.

Pat - would like to discuss the Stroudwater Bridge project.

