

## ***OHCC Meeting Minutes Monday January 7, 2019***

**Dick Carver, the PM for the OH Harbor Project presented the latest plans at our meeting. The following is a summary of the discussions.**

Anticipated harbor project completion date is June 2020.

Parking lot 'wiggle room' question: If bids come back too high, the Harbor group may be forced to scale back some plans to keep the costs within the target; this might include the parking lot configuration.

It was suggested that signage is needed on Lighthouse Road to moderate traffic speed near the park entrance. This should be brought to the Select Board (follow up).

Dick is not keen on the Kayak rack. Further discussion will be required.

Culvert nearest the dock location:

- The existing culvert probably reduces the potential for flooded basements.
- Culvert removal is preferred by Land Trust

The harbor group has a sign for the new parking lot.

Dick prefers a hard barrier between the path and existing parking lot. However he is fine with adding plantings.

Trail

- Dick is anxious for trail building help from our group.
- The trail section closest to the harbor will be informal; nothing permanent should be planned due to the proximity to the water.
- Construction of the portion of the trail that connecting the new parking lot to the dock area is included in the project; the commission will not need to build this leg.
- The commission would like to add a kiosk at the east end of the new lot.
- The commission wants to engage MCHT regarding mediation of the invasive (follow up).
- Because the fire pond is man-made, we are 'free' to make improvements.

### **Other Business**

Beth will take over as Treasurer and Jim as Secretary.

**Thanks to Jeanne and Dick for their service!**

February Agenda Items

- **Beach Access Survey**

The group discussed the importance of annually surveying the town's public waterfront access sites and providing this information to the Select Board..

Beth described the GRLT form she used during her island survey project. **Beth, can you bring a copy of their form to our next meeting?**

A list of the OH Town landings, can be found on page 124 of Town's Comprehensive Plan.

- **Mission Statement**

Kathryn is planning to draft a mission statement based on the input that we have collected. The group agreed to try to put this to a vote at our next meeting.

- **Buckminster Property**

Kathryn, Kelly, and Stuart are planning to meet and draft a letter to explain to those who pledged financial support to acquire the Buckminster property that the commission is no longer advocating the purchase because the owners decision to increase the asking price.

It was also suggested that the commission inform the OH Select Board of our position.

- **Next Select Board Meeting 4:00 PM on 01/21/2019 at Town Hall**

The Conservation Commission needs to have representation at these meetings. We will discuss a coverage plan at our next meeting. Please try to attend the next

- **Next Conservation Commission Meeting 6:00 PM Monday February 11, 2019 at OH Library**

To facilitate participation in the Select Board Meeting we are moving our date to the second Monday of the month.