

TOWN OF CLIFTON LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION STRATEGY  
WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MEETING NOTES  
WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2006, 6:30PM  
CRANBERRY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Members Present:

Max Watson	Hank Moshano
Sherman Craig	Brian Donovan
Jamie Savage	Susan Smith
Terri Smith	Clint Farnsworth
Richard Laurin	Dave Ziemba
Mike Looney	
Project Team:	
Zoë Smith	Leslie Karasin
Ray Curran	

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**Minutes**

- Copy provided to Terri Smith and accepted without changes

**Public Participation Plan**

- Project Team went over the composition of the steering committee, purpose of coordinating with the other communities to serve as development of prototype work.
- Terri, Susan Smith and Clint Farnsworth asked about how the information on lessons learned would be transmitted to the Towns of Inlet and Johnsburg. It will be transmitted at the end of the process, probably through the steering committee and written findings.
- Additional members mentioned: Bob Meredith and Paul Allio (Zoe will contact), Hugh Mitchell, Karen Soltau (Terri will contact) In making these recommendations the committee is trying to get a good geographic representation.

**Advisory Committee Communications**

- Leslie asked in filling out attendance sheet to please indicate best method to communicate (email, etc.)
- Committee recommended posting public documents (meeting announcements) to Post Office and town hall bulletin boards, with a note on how to get more information (by looking it up on the web site or contacting the project team.) Also recommended was to put a summary of minutes in the Bargain Hunter and other newspapers.
- It was agreed that a website would be a good tool to communicate minutes and other news related to the project. WCS will investigate using its website to host this information, as well as establishing links to the site from other locally-used sites, such as the Town of Fine site and NorthCountryNow.com.
- Developing an email bank for summer and local residents was recommended.

- Need method to communicate with large landowners like Brookfield Medical, Clerical Medical, and Fountain Forestry (Tom Gilman), who manage the Clerical Medical lands. Another large landowner mentioned was the Newton Falls hunt club (Marty Woods.)

#### **Administrative update – community match**

- Members are asked to keep track of hours they put in outside of meetings
- At a later date will have a format for the records.
- The committee asked whether there was now flexibility in the budget to work on implementation. Project staff answered that some money, not previously budgeted, had already been spent on the trails brochure.
- Strategy could be to assess on a case by case basis.
- It was noted that community time is recorded at a fixed rate. If professional services are donated, the wage is adjusted accordingly.

#### **Review Inventory and Analysis**

- Discussion of the inventory items resulted in many suggestions for data and sources.
- Both towns have planning boards that issue conditional use permits, Randy Gore is code enforcement officer and there are sewage ordinances. No zoning ordinance.
- Monitoring resources are mainly spent on Cranberry Lake; below the dam there is not as much monitoring; however, Trout Unlimited may have some information, and a professor at St Lawrence Univ. brings his students. The boat club has data and the biology station would be a good source.
- Dave Ziemba has archaeology data for Wanakena
- Historian for both Clifton (Jeanne Reynolds) and Fine (Jean Grimm)
- There are a wide variety of books written about the history of the area. “Two Towns, Two Centuries” and Cabin Fever bookstore suggested
- Scenic Resources
  - add Tooley Pond Mountain as view point
  - There is a great view of the Oswegatchie at Scotts Bridge off of county Route 27
- Committee suggested additional information needs
  - Wildlife information (source UMPs, hunting and fishing data, gap analysis)
  - Demographics data – Paul Allio to does lots of reports and school district corresponds with two towns
  - Invasive species inventories – boat club (John Adami) and AIPP

#### **Community Workshops**

- Picked dates for Community workshop; 6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - Monday, July 31
  - Monday, September 11,
  - Monday, October 16
  - (Dates will be finalized once team has booked the space in the community center.)
- Public outreach

- Susan Sweeney Smith and Terri Smith (?) will help to edit the PR
- Committee suggested that catch phrases and good devices for recruitment be incorporated in the PR material
- Committee wants to see a draft before it goes out.
- Discussion of past visioning effort items
  - Consensus that the past items would be carried forward so that past efforts would not be lost and that we are not reinventing the wheel
  - It was noted that the committee encourage residents to attend to keep their projects on the table.
  - Project staff stressed that this project will allow past ideas to be inserted into the context of the Local Waterfront Program. This is beneficial for future funding and attention from the state.
  - Committee is hopeful that there will be feedback at the meetings on the priorities that should be assigned to items so that list can be ranked
- Max suggested that an additional project to be added is the reopening of the boat route along the Little River which was closed by blow down following the 1995 microburst.

#### Agenda for the workshops

- Committee suggested that mini roles for panel members be incorporated into the presentations
- Location: pick one for consistency -- it will be Clifton Fine Community Center in Star Lake if available
- Sub-committees – sounds like there will be an informal PR sub committee
- Andy Labruzzo from Department of State may be at the meeting.

#### Other business and next meeting

- Deb McDonnell has offered to visit with the committee or some members -- committee concluded that Deb's input would be best at a later stage when it would be useful to hear from someone who could speak to taking ideas from an LWRP and implementing them/getting further funding for them, and it would be most useful in one of the latter public meetings where the public would be thinking about how to prioritize and plan to implement the ideas.
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