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**PRESENT:** L. Smith, Chairman; A. Brubaker, Vice Chairman; J. Fermery, L. Ruest,  
Not Present: R. Robinson, W. Barker, R. Dean, G. Koch

**FLOATING DOCK AT THE DEPOT:** B. Jones of Jones and Beach Engineers was present to present a proposal for professional services regarding a wetlands permit application on behalf of the Town of Hampton Falls relating to the proposed floating dock at The Depot. The professional services proposal outlined the scope of work needed as well as the costs associated with needs and drafting a plan.

The Committee identified that there has been discussion at the Parks and Recreation Commission approving funds to assist with this service (\$2,500). L. Smith will bring the matter to the Commission's next meeting for confirmation.

Discussion took place with regard to the anticipated overall cost of this project, the matter of obtaining private funding and/or potential funding from other established funds. The Committee talked through the intentions for base materials and docking products. B. Jones returned the docking plans and documents to the Committee. It was identified that it may take up to four months before work could start on the dock consisting of four 6' X 12' separate sections connected by a hinging mechanism for a total of 48'.

B. Jones noted that he has spoken with S. Boyle of the Rockingham Planning Commission with regard to this proposed project in conjunction with the Seacoast Greenway rails to trails project. A copy of the 5/9/2016 NH Seacoast Greenway, Hampton Marsh Project Proposal, prepared by UNH was provided to the Committee.

He also spoke with Louis Barker of the NH Department of Transportation who has stated that no stabilization work is to be done to mitigate a new sink hole at the area of the rail corridor bridge at The Depot at this time by anyone. This information is contrary to a previous discussion held with another State representative. B. Jones will follow up with L. Barker of NH DOT in this regard.

In addition, it has been identified that the Town will need to cross State property to access the docks. This will require a Trespass Agreement; B. Jones is expecting an email with an application from the State. Suggestion was made to seek assistance from the Historical Society or Eric Small of the Seabrook Historical Society with regard to the historical use of this area as a boat launch back to the 1700 or 1800's to assist with the Trespass Agreement application process and get it submitted as soon as possible.

B. Jones added that the NH Department of Fish and Game may be the agency to dictate the start time of this project.

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Procedurally, this matter will be brought to the Recreation Commission, then the Board of Selectmen. The Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen will have an opportunity to comment as part of the NH DES application process.

**MUSEUM GUTTER:** Committee members agreed to view the concerns with this gutter for discussion at a future meeting.

**BANDSTAND DECKING REPAIR:** An additional estimate has been obtained from Prestige Builders, LLC. This proposal was significantly higher than the first estimate, however, allowed for more inclusive work to be done. Suggestion was made to obtain pricing to replace the fir boards with composite decking in order to have a greater longevity. A. Brubaker will obtain an approximate cost. Fundraising for this work was suggested.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (7/18/2017):** The references to “DES” in paragraph three were revised to read “DOT.”

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the July 18 meeting as amended.

**MOTION: L. SMITH**

**SECOND: A. BRUBAKER**

**UNANIMOUS**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.