

Public Restroom Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015

The third meeting of the Committee was convened by Chairman Kathy Barnard at 10 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, with the following in attendance: Kathy Barnard, Linda Murray, Bob Tougher, Adam Tasker, Rob Houseman, Ethan Hipple, Mary DeVries, and Dave Owen.

The minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Bob Tougher and seconded by Adam Tasker.

Kathy Barnard stated that there are already two additional portapotties available to the public in Wolfeboro as a result of the Committee's work, one at Albee Beach placed there by the Parks & Recreation Department and another at Dockside as placed there by the DPW Building and Grounds. She stated the question is how to move forward from here, with our focus on Dockside

Adam Tasker reported that he had talked to the Gordon Ling, who leases the Dockside restaurant facility from the Town, and reported that Ling anticipates continuing into the 5th year of the lease agreement, subject to certain capital improvements being made by the Town.

Rob Houseman suggests the possibility of an interim solution, such as a trailer unit, and a long-term solution, which might involve relocating the ice cream window of the dockside facility to accommodate year-round public restrooms. He noted that low-end trailer units cost about \$29,000. The question was raised whether there is an intermediate step that could be incorporated in a long-term solution. Rob noted that it would be necessary to cost out design alternatives, and lease options versus purchase options.

Bob Tougher stated his view that the Town needs to slow down the rate of capital improvements, due to concern about their impact on the Town's tax rate. Linda Murray agreed, and stated that we need to do a cost analysis on the options. Rob suggested that the DPW may be able to assist in performing such cost analysis.

Mary DeVries passed along the suggestion of some businesses that the public restrooms be moved to Cate Park. It was noted that the deeds to Cate Park and Town Park may have use restrictions in them, and that would have to be checked. Rob Houseman pointed out that the sewer connection runs to the Dockside building, and there would be considerable additional Town expense to extend the sewer lines to the Cate Park side of the Dockside parking lot. It was agreed that the deeds to Town and Cate Parks need to be reviewed relative to any use restrictions.

Linda Murray suggested that we look to compare the costs of interim solutions versus the structural changes to the building that would be required for long-term solutions. Adam Tasker reported that the DPW is now doing an Asset Management Plan for the Dockside facility, and he should have that information soon. Rob Houseman was tasked with obtaining cost estimates for options for an interim solution. Kathy Barnard stated "We have a plan."

Rob Houseman suggested that the Committee not meet again until February or March, as we don't have anything going to this upcoming Town Meeting. The next meeting was set for February 2nd at 10:30 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen, Town Manager