

Town of Kennebunkport
Joint Board of Selectmen Meeting with Kennebunk & Kennebunkport via Zoom
October 26, 2020
5:00 PM

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 26, 2020

Selectmen attending via Zoom: Patrick A. Briggs, Allen A. Daggett, Ed Hutchins
Sheila Mathews-Bull, and D. Michael Weston.

Others attending via Zoom: Blake Baldwin, Ed Karytko, Arlene McMurray, Mike
Pardue, David Powell, Shiloh Schulte, Coral Sigliato, Laurie Smith, and others

1. Call to Order.

Chair Daggett called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. He took **roll call** of Selectmen present: Patrick Briggs, Allen Daggett, Edward Hutchins, Sheila Matthews-Bull, and D. Michael Weston. He also reminded everyone that there is another meeting at 6 PM, so this meeting could only last until 5:45 PM.

Chair Daggett turned the meeting over to Blake Baldwin from Kennebunk to open their meeting and take attendance.

2. Presentation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Kennebunk River jetty repair.

Coral Sigliato from the Army Corps of Engineers showed a PowerPoint presentation of the project. She said It is the oldest federal navigation project and the first port of entry in the country. Jetty's were last repaired in the 1980s and portions of the east and west wingwalls sustained damage from the 2018 Nor'easter.

On the eastern side in Kennebunkport, the 600-foot long, stone jetty and 240-foot long, stone wingwall adjacent to Colony Beach will be repaired. They will remove the wingwall and create a stable base, reinstall stone, grout between the stones, and install steel dowels to keep it stable, and then refill the parking lot. They got approval to update the design and will replace stones with armor stone and interlock them to create a stable structure. They will have to remove some vegetation which is *Rosa rugosa*.

Work will have to be done by a marine plant. There will be a barge in the water with a crane to do repairs and another barge to deliver stones. The other option would be delivery by land. They will have to close the Colony Beach parking lot during construction. They expect to start on the Kennebunkport side in early June to take advantage of the good weather.

Repairs on the western side in Kennebunk will be to the 270-foot long, stone wingwall and 290-foot long, stone jetty adjacent to Gooch's Beach. On the wingwall they will remove the top two layers of stone, straighten the base layer, put the stones back, grout between the stones, and install steel dowels for stability. They will add new stone at the jetty. Repairs will occur between Labor Day and Memorial Day. It will take seven months to complete all the repairs on both sides.

Discussion followed. The Kennebunkport Selectmen were concerned because Colony Beach will be closed next summer during these repairs which is prime time for businesses which are already suffering losses from the pandemic this summer. Some suggestions were as follows:

- Start the repairs in April.
- Start repairs on the Kennebunk side first.
- Wait a year so businesses can recover.

Ms. Sigliato responded that it is federal land and the more flexibility, the lower the budget for contractors. They must wait for environmental coordination and permitting to be completed. She said it is possible they could start sooner and award the bid in April, but then the contractor has to do design submittals which that takes time. If they wait a year, the jetties and wingwalls will be in worse condition, and they may not get federal funds again. She also said she cannot dictate to contractors, but she will do her best to start the project earlier if possible.

3. Adjournment.

The Kennebunk Board adjourned.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to adjourn. **Roll Call Vote:** Briggs, Hutchins, Daggett, Matthews-Bull, and Weston. **Voted:** 5-0.
Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Submitted by Arlene McMurray
Administrative Assistant