



South Shore Blueway Implementation Meeting

October 26, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Freeport Recreation Center. Meeting Room

130 E Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY

Meeting Notes

Attending: Barbara La Rocco Going Coastal; Zhennya Slootskin Going Coastal; Nora Sudars Village of Freeport; Hank Leggio Jones Beach State Park; Brian Schneider Nassau County; Chiara Nuzzo Long Island Paddlers; Rob Longiaru TOH Dept. of Conservation & Waterways; Mike Fehling Empire Kayaks; Rob Weltner Operation SPLASH.

Status of DOS Grant - Nora Sudars

The Village of Freeport has requested a final extension of The Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant to Aug 31, 2016. Jamie Either accepted the extension stating that it will be the last one.

Updates on Site Status from Committee Members

- **Nassau County – Brian Schneider**

The County executed their agreement with DOS (\$240,000) for site improvements. To date, they broke ground at Milburn Boat Basin, completion is by mid-summer 2016; Bay Park - Army Corps of Engineers are in place for the pier site and the beach sites Moby Mat on order and the expected completion early summer 2016; Inwood Park kayak launch is being incorporated into the bulkhead project; In addition, ADA kayak launches are on order for Wantagh Park boat ramp pier. Cow Meadow has existing launch area open now. Cedar Creek is considered long term and other more cost effective locations within the site will be explored.

- **Village of Freeport - Nora Sudars**

At Waterfront Park the initial permit with Cameron concept was denied by DEC. A redesign by the Village will include construction of a 40-foot pier that will have floats for kayak launching at the end of it. The submission of permit amendments and additional funding of \$50,000 is needed. Nora stated funds should be available from the Village to move

- **Town of Hempstead - Rob Longiaru**

TOH Dept. of Conservation & Waterways will perform grading and other work in house for the 50% of the town's sites. Priority now is to submit the permits especially for the sites can potentially be part of the trail as it opens summer 2016.

- **Jones Beach State Park – Hank Leggio**

It was a busy summer at the park with dredging and renovation of bulkheads at the westend and Field 10 coastal clean up. Hank will propose to create ADA accessibility for the Field 10 launch site; The SSB maps should be amended to reflect that there are no showers at Field 10 and the correct name for “Jones Beach West End Boat Basin” should be amended on the SSB maps. Additionally, Green Island and Zack’s Bay sites remain Landing Only points and should be clearing labeled as such.

Trail Support - Barbara LaRocco-

- Kyle Rabin, Mike Fehling, Barbara LaRocco and Zhennya Slootskin met with State Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky on Long Beach who has committed his support of the Blueway Trail, provided a general letter of support, suggested persons from Long Beach to serve on the Advisory Committee, offered to speak at the Blueway Launch Event, and to support our fundraising/grantwriting efforts., as well as support for National Trail assignation.
- Councilman Santino – a meeting will be scheduled after the elections
- During the summer 2015, Going Coastal executed a large scale awareness and support building campaign for the trail. Trained volunteers participated at local waterfront events with tabling and information distribution, such as the Surfriders' initiatives on Long Beach, Freeport's Nautical Mile, Assemblymans Saladino's Marine Event; Flyers and maps distributed.
- The Friends of Blueway initiative is progressing with recruitment, meetings and presentations. Jerry Foster (Freeport Kayak) and Chiara (LI Paddlers) have taken lead in helping to recruit and organize the group. Going Coastal will seek pro bono legal assistance to help group reach 501(c)(3) status. In the meantime, Going Coastal will act as fiscal sponsor for the Friends, allowing the group to seek grant capacity funding.
- Partners: Going Coastal met with LI Traditions to jointly submit a grant application to include an historical layer to Blueway Trail maps utilizing LAYAR technology, which displays history pages on smart phones and on the Blueway website.

Blueway Opening event

- Site: Bay County Park
- Date: June 4 2016
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Event:
 - Speakers: elected officials
 - Exhibits & tabling by Friends, LI Paddlers, Jones Beach, Operation SPLASH, and others.
 - Need to coordinate paddlesport demos, outdoor retailers, sponsors
 - NY Community Bank Foundation potential sponsor of the launch event, Kyle and Barbara met earlier in the summer and Barbara will draft a proposal now that the date for the event is set. United Water has also expressed interest in supporting the Blueway.
 - Zhennya presented the Blueway branded t-shirt to seek sponsor to cover production for volunteers. Chiara stated she will bring up with LI Paddlers to sponsor the t-shirts.

Review of Signage

Trailhead Marker

- 2 x 2 double-sided Blueway trailhead marker to add website on 4x4 white post, 6' at top of sign.
- Undersign .25 x 2 to include launch site location
- Locations: double- sided signs are to be located at the launches and park entrances.
- Fabrication to be by municipalities or purchased by site owners.
- TOH & Jones Beach use framed two-sided signage – see attachment

Lampost Banners

- Zhennya to send banner specs to Nora for pricing
- Barbara discussed potential for sponsorship on the Banners once costs are determined. Placement to be coordinated with municipalities.

Attachments: Image and spec for the sample sign i.e trailhead marker from Rob Longiaru