

Forward Sunapee Riverwalk Committee
Committee Consent and Update – in lieu of meeting minutes
December 12, 2025

The Riverwalk Committee of the Forward Sunapee convened by email the week of December 8, 2025, in lieu of a virtual or in person meeting. The Committee facilitator provided updates on activities and accomplishments by email highlighted below. The Committee also considered and approved hiring a permitting consultant to support the application for and receiving of State and Town permits to allow for the improvements to the Harbor Hill lot (between Livery and Fentons).

Committee Highlights

- Harbor House Lot - We have one bid and still awaiting two other bids for the work we all agreed upon for the Harbor House lot; I will follow up again with the other two contractors
- Permits - Based on discussions with the Town staff it seems we will need permits to perform the excavation work on the Harbor House lot; Facilitator met with a permitting specialist (Doug Gamsby) to discuss how to proceed and he has provided a draft engagement letter (see discussion below) to help us get the required permits.
- Town land - Trading emails with the Town staff to get us on the agenda for a Select Board meeting to share with them our thinking and plans for the full Riverwalk particularly those aspects on Town owned land. Facilitator also had a call with a member of the Conservation Committee (Clifford Field) to discuss how they work with entities that make improvements on Town owned land (e.g. snowmobile clubs) and based on this discussion we may want to get the Select Board to delegate responsibility to the Conservation Commission to work with Committee on improvements on Town owned land which we expect to discuss with Select Board when we are able to get on their agenda.
- Granite stairs - The granite stairs have been installed between Fentons and Harbor House lot to improve the look and the 'flow' of foot traffic along our Riverwalk path
- Knotweed - Phil continues to do great things to manage/control the spread of the Japanese Knotweed; this will be an ongoing effort to more fully eradicate the JKW.

Consent Request

Facilitator requested and received approval of the majority of Committee members to hire permitting consultant at a cost of up to \$5,000.