

Meeting Minutes
Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative
Peaine Township Hall, Beaver Island
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
10/13/15

Attendees:

Galen Bartels, Sandra Birdsall, Lee Boisvert, Robert Boisvert, Mark Engelsman, Jim Flanagan, John Fox, Brad Frederick, Pam Grassmick, Denny Jason, Jim Jones, Keith Kintigh, Archie Kiogima, Jennifer Kleitch, Bill Kohls, Alvin Lafreniere, Pat Lederle, Bill McDonough, Seamus Norgaard, Bill Parsons, Doug Pearsall, Matt Preisser, Carol Robert, Tim Schreiner, Don Seelye, Don Tritsch, Bob Turner, Alan Vicstein, and Bev Vicstein.

Meeting Objectives:

1. Establish Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative
2. Prioritize Management Actions
3. Establish Sub-Committees to Address Priority Actions

Action Items:

- **Charter Development.** *Keith, Bill Kohl, Galen, and Lee*--Work to draft charter prior to next meeting in early December. Charter should help to develop a better relation to the NRESC and other plans using a cross-walk or other methodology.
 - **Purchase History Map.** *Jen K. and Jen O.*—work to develop Purchase History Maps.
 - **Invasives Coordination.** *Jen K., Noah (LTBB), Matt Priesser, Shawn Howard (TNC), Galen (and Pam?)*—Work to address Invasives needs including: 1) a new comprehensive survey; 2) developing an organized entity for island invasives work as CAKE is not yet functioning; 3) explore boat washing station; and 4) a beech decline response plan.
 - **Peaine Twnshp Rec Coordination.** *Keith K., Brian Mastenbrook, and Bill Kohl*--determine desired work load for DNR Seasonal Trail Position and also work to formalize Peaine Township use of State Properties as recreation sites.
 - **Non-moterized Water Trail.** *Keith, Pat, Bill M, Pam and others*--Water trail planning sub-committee to 1) provide letter of support from DNR on water trail; 2) provide assistance on CZM Grant Application for planning and evaluation of water trail; and 3) work with LIAA on site evaluation.
- Conf Call Scheduled for 11/5.**
- **Landscape/Forest Planning.** *Jen, Bill Parsons, Don Trisch, Seamus N, and Galen*--Sub-committee to start forest/landscape-level planning effort.
 - **Exploring Designations.** *Pam and others*--identify possible designations to pursue, e.g. UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Natural Landmark, etc....
 - **Director's Order Protections.** *Pat and Pam*--Draft language for High Island Director's Order to Protect Nesting Area.
 - **Old Cabins and Landfill.** DNR will be evaluating High Island Old Research Cabins Removal and Garden Island Dump cleanup and will be scheduling review of Asbestos abatement, SHPO concerns, and Solid Waste concerns.

Meeting Notes:

- The meeting began with introductions.
- Pat Lederle discussed the idea collaborative governance and questions and discussion ensued. Concern was expressed about “starting-over” and disregarding previous work especially the NRES Planning effort. The group spent time addressing these concerns; how this effort is expected to build upon the NRES work and how the idea of landscape-level planning may move forward.
- Bill Kohls, Galen, and Lee volunteer to work with Keith on developing a group charter to be drafted prior to the next meeting in early December.
- The group discussed purchase restrictions and expressed interest in making purchase history maps available. Jen K. will follow-up Jen O. on this task.
- The group spent time discussing invasives management. The need for 1) another comprehensive survey, 2) an organizing entity for invasives work focused on the islands as CAKE is not functioning yet, 3) boat washing station, 4) beech decline response plan. Jen to work with Noah of LTBB, Matt Preisser, Shawn Howard of TNC, and Galen.
- The group spent some time discussing the need for additional cultural planning and coordination. No next steps identified. ***Make this a topic for the next meeting.***
- There was a fair amount of discussion on trails; both the water trail concept and the need for maintenance of the Beaver Island trail network. The DNR has committed Seasonal Staff hours and a budget to Beaver Island trail maintenance for summer 2016.
- The group spent time discussing early succesional habitat, core forest areas, landscape level planning, planning and zoning, and forest products. The group agreed that a forest plan or landscape level/zone plan was the best approach to handle many of these issues. Are there others that can be invited such as DNR Forest Resources Division? Important to identify some good examples to bring to the table. Habitat improvements identified include food plots, aspen clear cuts, replenishing mast source in light of beech die-off, and planting trails to clover etc.

Agenda topics not discussed:

- *Assistance with Dark Sky Evaluation*
- *Need for Maintained Overnight structures on Garden, High, and North Fox.*

Next Meeting

- Early December