

## Wardwell dock project meeting



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Here's my summary of the discussion Wednesday on the dock proposal.

### Participants:

Alex Groblewski, from Maine DEP, who organized the meeting and who is the project manager for the dock; Colin Green, Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), who is the project manager for the dock application; and Steve Hart, Joe Donovan, and Amy Tierney from the Town of Long Island

### Project Status

ACE has what it considers a complete application and is in the process of reviewing the proposal. It would issue the permit under the Maine General Permit - Colin says that most applicants are approved for a dock under this authority. Issues he mentioned that might require additional information were a proposed crib with fill and the dock's potential impact on eelgrass. The National Marine Fisheries Service could be involved with the eelgrass issue and the applicant might have to make a financial commitment related to potential shading from the dock. He says the ACE permit could be approved in the next 30-60 days. A permit would be valid through October 2025.

DEP has accepted the application and is in the process of reviewing the proposal. It will receive input from the state's Bureau of Submerged Lands, Department of Marine Resources, and Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. DEP has a statutory deadline for completing the review; Alex thought the permit could be issued in June with a draft permit circulated for public comments in mid-May. The question of the existing Dock Owners Association dock serving as an alternative to the proposed dock would be considered. DEP's permit would be valid for several years.

Town officials talked about the two-step permitting required for a dock - a conditional use permit from

the Planning Board and a construction permit from the Code Enforcement Officer. At this point, no application for either had been made. If an application for a conditional use permit was received, I said my preference for a public hearing would be sometime in the summer when more members of the public interested in the project could attend a live in-person hearing. Joe agreed. We also informed DEP and ACE about the Northland property owners development covenants and the Northland Dock Owners Association. The Town needs some clarification/guidance from our attorney on what relationship - if any - exists with the town's ownership of several Northland properties and the town's permitting authorities.

Steve