

This is the fifth in a series of updates about the Star of Hope Foundation, which was established by the artist Robert Indiana prior to his death. The purpose of the Foundation is to support arts education and working artists in Maine.

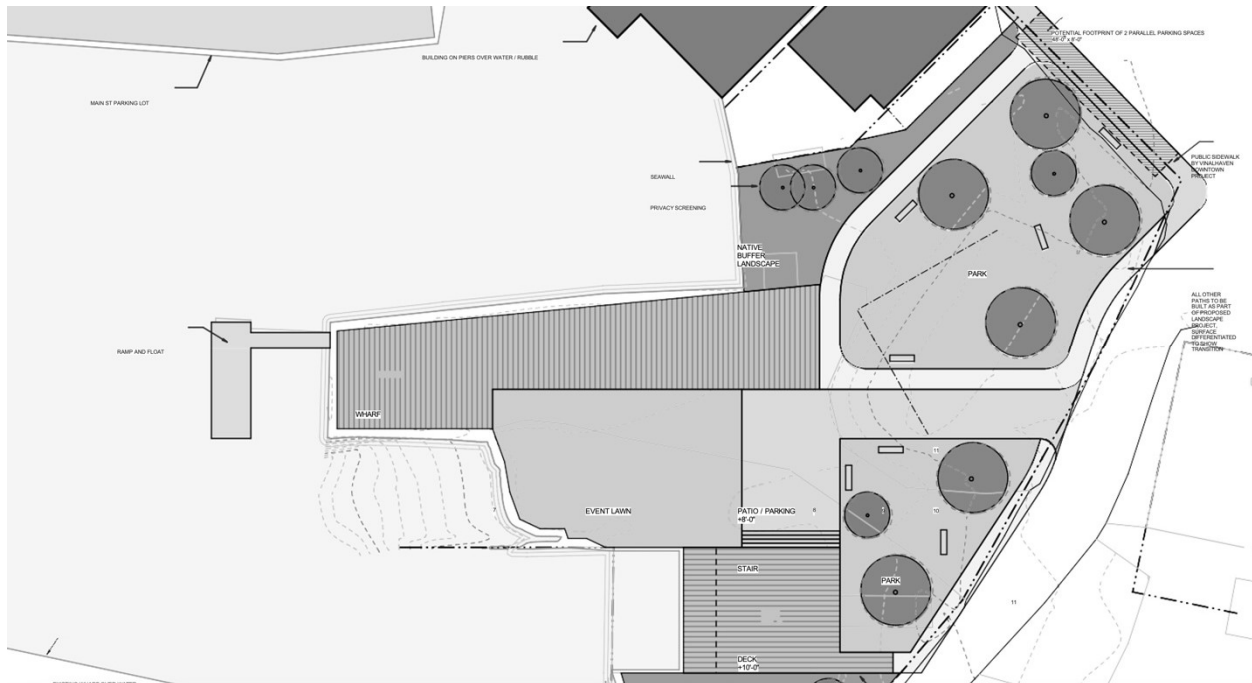
Exciting new public space at 3 Clam Shell Alley

A few weeks ago, we reported to you on the Foundation's plans to take down the Sail Loft building. We know that this building has been part of the waterfront for generations, and we appreciate the community's understanding of this very difficult decision.

According to engineers' reports, Vinalhaven's code enforcement officer and our contractor, the building is unsafe, and its condition will only worsen over time, accelerated by rising sea levels. A permit to demolish the building was issued by the Planning Board last week.

Casey Leonard and his crew from Rockport Building Partners, assisted by on-island subcontractors, are scheduled to take down the building the week of April 1, so we thought that this would be a good time to share with you some preliminary plans for an exciting new public space on the property at 3 Clam Shell Alley.

As you can see from the rendering below, we envision new park space, an event lawn, deck space, plantings, parking and natural buffers. Access to the working waterfront will remain, including leases with those who use the property to access their boats and gear.



While no design has been finalized, this gives you a sense of what the space can be. In the months ahead, we will be seeking public input about the future of this important waterfront property and how it can best be used to benefit the entire community. We also want to coordinate our efforts with the ongoing Downtown Project.

We look forward to working with you to take a property that is currently unusable and transform it into a vibrant, multi-purpose outdoor space that will serve the people of Vinalhaven for generations to come.