

This is the sixth 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.

Demolition of the Sail Loft – What to Expect

We have previously reported to you on our need to take down the Sail Loft building because of its structural deterioration and unsafe condition. We appreciate your understanding and the support of the code enforcement officer and planning board in making this difficult decision.

Demolition will occur the week of April 1st. The Rockport Building Partners team will be on site from start to finish, along with Darren Jones and other subcontractors from the island who will be helping to raze the building.

A minimum of three members of crew will be wearing yellow vests and directing traffic and monitoring the site at all times as the work is completed. Electricity already has been permanently shut off at the site to reduce safety hazards.

We expect everything to go smoothly and to have the site cleared by Friday. The crew knows that safety is our top priority, and they will be taking every step possible to minimize disruption of normal activities and protect neighboring property owners. We ask for your cooperation as they go about their work.

Last week, we told you about our plans to turn the property into an exciting new public space for the people of Vinalhaven, and we look forward to working with the community on that project in the months ahead.

On Friday, April 10th Managing Director Carole Martin will be at the Vinalhaven Public Library to meet islanders and gather information about the timing on the community input for the design of the green space. Please drop by anytime between 10:30am and 12:30pm to meet Carole.

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