

**Town of Enfield
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, October 16, 2018**

The committee met at 3:35 in the Whitney Hall conference room. Present: Ryan Aylesworth, Kate McMullan, Mary Ann Haagen, Ed McLaughlin, Julie McLaughlin, Jo Ellen Courtney. Absent: Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ken Warren, Shirley Green, Scott Osgood, Terry Lynch

Approval of the Oct 2nd meeting minutes: Approved (Motion Kate; 2nd Jo Ellen)

Lakeside Park land purchase: The town has received the proposed Quit Claim Deed and Crossing Agreement from the State. Bart Mayer, Legal Counsel for town, is going to be asked to review it, as well as being asked the question should we be looking for a warranty deed. Attorney Mayer has asked his associate, Mark Dunn, to complete the title research for the lots that are being purchased from the state. Attorney Dunn has given Ryan a preliminary update saying that he sees nothing of concern going back to the mid 1800's. There are two property owners who have said they believe they have deeded access rights to the lake. Don Roberts has stated that he has a document that shows this, and Ryan is going to write him a letter asking him to produce it for the town to review. The other claimant has stated he has a document. {Should Ryan be asked to write him a letter also?}

Survey: Chris Paton has been engaged to do the survey of the land.

Financial Report: There is no change in the amount of cash and pledges received: \$171,789.99.

Campaign: A discussion to clarify whether we are pursuing soliciting donations from private individuals, as well as funds without having defined objectives, resulted in a decision to not pursue until objectives are agreed to. This, with the exception to continue to pursue with the Dorothy Byrne Foundation.

It is assumed that the deadline for the Northern Borders matching fund grant is July 1, 2019. Deferred: Doug agreed to bring a hard copy of the list of prospects to the next meeting

During the focus group meetings, it was said that town funds would not be used for new buildings, but would be used for maintenance. Maintenance on the park, as it exists today, has been estimated to cost \$4,000 per year by the town. Both the Sailing Club and the Enfield Village Association have agreed to each pay up to 50% of this \$4,000 amount for 5 years. Any additional amounts for maintenance and capital improvements would be the responsibility of the town.

Public Forums: October 29, 2018, 6:00pm, was set as the date for the public Forum at the Community Center.

The Forum has been advertised on the town website, Town Manager's newsletter, Listserve, with an additional posting to same by Doug. The committee will meet at 5:30pm on the 29th to set up chairs.

Ed gave a verbal update on his meetings with the Sailing Club and the Enfield Village School PTA. He also supplied a summary of each of the meetings he attended. See attached.

A discussion ensued concerning funds raised in excess of funds required to purchase the land. The discussion was deferred for our next meeting, which is scheduled for after the Forum.

Major discussion points for the Forum should include

- What kind of structure/pavilion/gazebo should the town build on the property; where should it be put
- Should it include a beach
- Open areas
- Parking area expanded
- Should conservation/educational trails be included

After the Forum, a series of recommendations will be developed, with priorities, by the committee and presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Rules for Park: These were deferred until next meeting.

Other items: Deferred until next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 30, 2018, 3:30pm, Whitney Hall.

Public Forum Meeting: Monday, October 29th at 6:00PM (please arrive at 5:30 to help setup) at the Community Center

Meeting adjourned. 4:44 PM

Julie McLaughlin

Committee Meetings Summaries

Enfield Village PTA Meeting

Focus Group session began with a brief description of the purchase of the park and its current use and facilities.

The session began with an open-ended question: What would you like to see become of the park?

Move the beach to the park:

- For a mother with small children the Shakoma Beach presents challenges, like getting there from across 4A
- Canaan Street Beach is a good example of a beach that is family friendly. The beach is shallow for a long way out
- The water should be cleaner

Dog area needs to be more accessible: What is there now is not nice

Addition of other things for children to do like natural structures: rocks, logs, vines and things similar to VINS

Circular seating

Boardwalk for the wetlands and access to the vernal ponds on the other side of the RR Trail

When asked about a structure or Pavilion, they offered:

- Something like Huse Park would be nice
- Lyman Point Park has a nice one with good acoustics
- New London Green

When asked about other facilities: port-a-potties are more than adequate.

When asked about year-round use:

- Ice skating, like Lake Morey
- Different types of skating: pond hockey, learn to skate area (milk cartons)
- Rugs and benches for skaters
- Cross Country skiing, marked off to avoid conflicts with snowmobiles
- COMMENT: some parents stay away from Rail Trail, with children, in winter because of snowmobiles.

Final Comments:

- Keep it simple.
- Hose to clean boats and dogs
- Bike racks
- Storage for non-motorized boats-kayaks, canoes
- Standing grills
- Good maintenance
- It would be good to see a Greenway to connect with downtown areas and schools

MEETING: LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Focus Group session began with a brief description of the purchase of the park and its current use and facilities.

The Library Board felt that as a group/or individual, they had very little to contribute. When probed with more specific questions, the following was heard:

- A potential tie-in with Saturday Reading Program, if there were a facility which was covered, good acoustics and a small stage.
- Porta--potties
- Concern by the chair of the Library Board, via email, that the park conflicts with other priorities within the town for development and fundraising, and that the park complies with established town processes.

HERITAGE GROUP

Pavilion

- Any structure should be in the 19th century tradition with storage in basement
- It was suggested that a plaque dedicated to Bill Martin be included in any educational building

MASCOMA LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Focus Group session began with a brief description of the purchase of the park and its current use and facilities.

The session began with an open-ended question: What would you like to see become of the park?

- An open building or just an open shelter would be adequate
- the need for bathroom facilities. There was a feeling that enclosed, “cold” bathrooms were adequate.
- Park should provide a wading beach for young children
- Educational -sailing lessons, canoe and kayaking lessons
- Wetland awareness. A question: Does park have access to the pond across from Rail Trail?
- Park should be limited to daylight hours, with no major lighting
- Access to standing barbeque grills should be explored
- Concern about poison ivy in and around park
- For winter use, cleaning ice for skating and benches

SAILING CLUB MEETING

Focus Group session began with a brief description of the purchase of the park and its current use and facilities.

The session began with an open-ended question: What would you like to see become of the park?

The Board was well informed about the ALPC activities.

Parking

- More parking is required, because of increased usage by Rail Trail, special groups and increased general use
- On weekends, parking lot is full
- There's been a 30-50% increase in the numbers of cars year on year
- How can parking be increased? Can road be moved, two rows for parking?

Bathroom Facilities

- Vendor suggests second port-a-potty due to increased use
- One reason for the increase is believed to be from rail trail users, because this is the only facility on the rail trail

Pavilion

- "Whatever you do, keep it simple"

Lakeshore Access - Is it possible to make shoreline more attractive for non-boat users?

- Picnic goers sit in their beach chairs at the foot of the boat ramp because it is the only open waterfront. Can the small bushes that have been allowed to grow, because of lack of maintenance, be removed? (Includes additional comment by EM)

4 Season use

- Some members would be interested in ice boating, cross country skiing, broom ball and continuing their winter winding use.
- Winterized building not required

General comments

- The draws to the park are the lake, rail trail and picnicking
- We should encourage more organizations to take advantage of the park