

**Town of Enfield
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, October 30, 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, Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ken Warren, Shirley Green, Scott Osgood, Terry Lynch

Approval of the Oct 16 meeting minutes: Approved

Lakeside Park land purchase: The deed is still being reviewed by the town's lawyers. The title search is complete and we are just waiting for the final report. Letters to anyone who believes they have deeded access rights to the lake – over the town land are not going to be sent.

Survey: Awaiting final from lawyers on the deed. 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. Ed gave an update on two pledge holders that he has contacted asking for fulfillment of their pledges.

Campaign: A new request to the Byrne Foundation for \$75,000 is to be drafted by Doug, to be reviewed at the next meeting. Doug distributed a list of potential donors for phase 2 of our fund raising for each member to review and identify those that they would volunteer to contact. The list will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Public Forums: The public forum was held on October 29, 2018, 6:00pm, with approx. 40 members of the public in attendance.

Major discussion points at the Forum included:

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

A summary of the comments is included in the attached spreadsheet.

The committee reviewed the summary of the Forum; and the focus group meetings. The consensus was:

1. A simple, low maintenance pavilion or similar structure should be erected to offer a place for community gatherings and protection from elements. It was also decided that a subcommittee should explore using the Railroad House site for this purpose, in conjunction with DHR/DOT. The subcommittee includes Ryan, Maryann and Shirley.
2. For now, a wading area should be included at the westerly portion of the property.
3. A firepit should be included for support of winter activities, including ice skating, cross country skiing, pond hockey etc.
4. Port-a-potties offer sufficient amenities. A “pack in pack out” philosophy for trash should be pursued- No trash cans.
5. A “dog poop station” should be installed near dog swimming area.
6. The parking design needs to be updated to allow additional parking, without encroaching on the shoreline.
7. The open space on Lot 44 should be maintained as a potential spot for party tents and other activities reserved and managed through the town.

8. Facilities and trails well marked to support conservation, education about the lake, fauna and flora it supports should be included.
9. Replacement of the existing railroad tie wall and extension of such to provide for a sandy area along shoreline.
10. Clear signage identifying the different areas should be erected.
11. The use of vendors to support the rentals of kayaks, canoes and bikes should be explored.
12. A landscape design must be developed which includes all the above items.

The committee needs to develop a position on future maintenance costs and how these will be realized.

At the conclusion of the Public Forum, the public was encouraged to visit the committee's website and attend our future meetings with questions or suggestions.

The final list of recommendations will be voted on by the committee at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 13, 2018, 3:30pm, Whitney Hall.

Meeting adjourned. 5:37 PM

Julie McLaughlin

Summary Of Oct 29, 2018 Public Meeting Mascoma LakeSide Park

Administrative	General	Environmental	Pavilion - Bathrooms	Recreation	Swimming	Parking
The town's matching grant for \$135K from the Federal Government does not all have to be used, but whatever is used needs to be matched.		Keep it natural	Pavilion would be good for Old Home Days		Make it the Town Beach Now	
The money already raised after the land is purchased and all closing costs (administrative, legal, survey etc.) have been paid can be used as part of the match	Multi uses of park based on size and location	The park being located between the Rail Trail and the Lake is beautiful as it is. We cannot lose the view that is there now	Port-a-potties are working very well. We do not need plumbed bathrooms Community gathering area	Volleyball over in lot 44	Safety issues with Shakoma beach for small families having to truck down the steps, with kids and beach paraphernalia and then have to cross Route 4	Sometimes full should, we change the amount of parking
The money has to raised and committed before July of next year					Can the State do something to make the crossing safer?	
Fund Raising takes time and will need the decision by the town of what funds will be needed to support the planned improvements	Different uses between lots		The Pavilion should be a low maintenance structure	Kayak rentals/ canoe rentals/bike rentals		
Do not increase taxes to support the maintenance	The park is a great ambassador for the town	Need more seating and should be natural: stone wall, or something similar	Keep it simple, small, natural looking		The bottom of the area is mucky with sink holes and even if you fix it one year the silt is brought in by the river for the next year	Can the sidewalk be moved?

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Can the park generate income	Bringing in People and businesses		A fire pit would be nice for the winter	Offer classes: Yoga, Tai Chi	Build a stone jetty	Parking should not be close to the shoreline
The town is responsible for all maintenance of the property. Two groups have offered and are paying \$2K each now and will for the next 5 years towards the maintenance of the property	Need better signage at the park: Boar ramp - no motorized boats; Dog swimming area; No dog swimming; Parking etc.	The park is now a quiet and restful place and it should continue to be that way	Round vs. rectangle	Used for ice fishing and ice fishing derby and by snow mobiles - the trail for snowmobiles needs to be marked off		Can a ramp with a deck be put over the parking area
How will the decision be made on what will be done at the park? The Board of Selectmen will make the decision with input from the public through this meeting, earlier meetings with various public groups and any other meetings they feel should be held	The park should be designed for multi-generational use	Bring in more inviting vegetation; less prickly and less poison ivy etc. Old retaining wall is crumbling and would need to be removed or replaced	If there is a pavilion the use of it needs to be controlled if available to groups	Ice skating, Pond Hockey - who will maintain and why was the basketball rink not better maintained. The lack of people using it and the amount of damage done by people walking on it as it melted and refroze.	It would be ideal for a toddler swimming area Need to separate a toddler swimming area away from the boat ramp and to separate the dog swimming area	Panoramic deck over the parking area

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Who owns the lot beside the lots the town is buying going towards the center of town	Should we license food trucks for the park	Do we want trash cans or should there be a sign to take all of your trash with you when you leave	Do we need a pavilion? Can we leave a space where an event tent could be erected - controlled by the town	Youth Activities: Summer camps; projects on the environment; flora and fauna. (The Audubon society has said in the past that the area was a great location)	Not a great place for the beach because the bottom could be contaminated with bi-products from the old mill (yarn and dye)	
		No lighting - use natural light - great place to view stars	Gazebo type or should it be multi level			
		Limit Impervious surfaces	On a pad or on natural ground - water run through would limit use	An area for rainy days and shade would be nice but it should be simple		
		No fireworks	Use as a band stand			
	Seasonal water fountain	No paid musical gatherings	Not for use for commercial concerts	Picnic tables; grill boxes would be nice		
		no water sewer connection	Noise rules must be established	It should be carry in- carry out what you brought		
		How do you prevent vandalism and unintended uses (youth drinking etc.	It should be aesthetic and fit right in			
			Offers shade			
			Fire pit with a cupola?			