

**Town of Enfield
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, November 13, 2018**

The committee met at 3:35 in the Whitney Hall conference room. Present: Mary Ann Haagen, Ed McLaughlin, Julie McLaughlin, Jo Ellen Courtney, Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ken Warren, Terry Lynch

Approval of the Oct 30 meeting minutes: Approved with addition of \$75,000, the amount being requested from the Byrne Foundation.

Lakeside Park land purchase: No update

Survey: No update

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

Fund Raising: The Northern Borders Grant is for \$135,000. This is a matched grant. It is estimated that we will have approximately \$30,000 towards this match once the purchase of land is completed. Doug reviewed a sample project list with financial estimates for each line item. Some recommended changes include: addition of picnic tables and benches instead of shelter over same, plus deletion of year round water spigot. Some other minor changes were added. Doug will update the list for our next meeting, and it will include a line item for a contingency reserve fund.

Campaign: A new request to the Byrne Foundation for \$75,000 is to be drafted by Doug, to be reviewed at the next meeting. (no change)

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. This item was tabled until next meeting. Doug reiterated the need to review the list. Mary Ann said we should go back to the list to look at previous donors. Ed asked that we explore with the town, the feasibility of doing a mailing to town residents to solicit support. Mary Ann suggested we look at some new approaches, for example: newspaper ads with tear-out box for donations.

Public Forum: The committee reviewed the list of summary points from last meeting and agreed to have Ed present results to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting.

**The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Public Priorities**

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee conducted a series of public meetings to gain input from multiple constituencies on what improvements were seen as being the most beneficial and useful. These meeting groups were comprised of the following:

- Enfield Village School PTA
- Planning Board
- Budget Committee
- Mascoma Lake Association
- Sailing Club
- Public Safety Committee
- EVA Business Forum
- Shaker Museum
- Rail Trail
- Library Trustees
- Heritage Commission

These meetings were followed by a Public Forum on October 29th in the Community Center. The meeting was well attended by about 40 residents in attendance. The following is a summary of what we heard.

The Committee's conclusions and recommendations for Select board are as follows:

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 recommended that the Railroad House site be studied for this purpose, in conjunction with DHR/DOT.
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.
5. A "pack in pack out" philosophy for trash should be pursued- No trash cans.
6. A "dog waste bag station" should be included.
7. The parking design needs to be updated to allow additional parking, without encroaching on the shoreline.
8. The open space on Lot 44 should be developed as a flat open grassed area.
9. Expand picnic tables and provide "barbecues on a pole"
10. The park should include facilities, and well-marked trails to support conservation education about the lake's, and frog pond's, fauna and flora.
11. The replacement of the existing retaining wall (currently made of rotting railroad ties) with a new wall extending along the shoreline should be completed.
12. Clear signage identifying the different areas and prohibited activities should be erected.
13. Downward facing lighting for safety, while not obscuring the night sky should be erected.
14. The use of vendors to support the rentals of kayaks, canoes and bikes should be explored, and the solicitation of "food truck" vendors should be encouraged.
15. A landscape design must be developed which includes all the above items.

These items have been identified to assist the committee in its second round of fund raising. To date the committee has received a matching grant from the Northern Borders for up to \$135,000. There will be about \$30,000 remaining from the first round of fund raising once all the purchase of the land is completed. This money can be used as part of the matching grant requirement.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 27, 2018, 3:30pm, Whitney Hall.

Meeting adjourned. 3:30 PM

Julie McLaughlin