

**Town of Enfield
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, February 5, 2019**

The committee met at 3:35 in the Whitney Hall conference room. Meredith Smith chaired. Present: Ryan Aylesworth, Doug Smith, Kate McMullen, Shirley Green, Ken Warren, Terri Lynch.

Minutes. The January 15th minutes were approved.

Election. Ed McLaughlin having asked to be relieved of the chairmanship, Meredith Smith was elected chair by unanimous voice vote.

Quitclaim Deed. Ryan distributed a copy of the proposed deed from DOT, pointing out the restrictions the State has placed on the Town's use of the property. They retain an easement for drainage over 6650 sq. ft. at the entrance to the park, and the right to maintain the slopes and embankments along the railroad right of way. There is a 50-meter radius buffer zone around the railroad house cellar hole, wherein a second survey controlled by the state Division of Historical Resources might be required in the event work is to impact the area. The State has retained the right to approve any fees imposed by the Town, and to approve any building plans.

Committee members expressed concern that the State was retaining too much control over the Town's use of the property. It was suggested that these points be further negotiated, perhaps with the help of Mike Cryons, a member of the Executive Council.

Survey. Ryan also distributed an 8 ½ x 11" copy of the land survey, pointing out the locations where the state's restrictions apply. There is little choice but to locate the pavilion within the buffer zone. Meredith said that she has had several exchanges with the Division of Historical Resources, and they are agreeable to placing the pavilion over the cellar hole.

Fundraising. There have been two donations since our last meeting, including \$5000 from Mascoma Bank. The new total is \$229,370. Doug reported that he has written a number of letters, but that he will need to follow up with 'phone calls. We are now about \$40,000 short of meeting the match.

House Party. Meredith repeated her offer to hold a party in the Spring as a celebration of the acquisition with a touch of fundraising. A discussion followed about whom to invite. Her home wouldn't easily accommodate all donors. A cutoff of \$500 would work. We talked about inviting Victoria Sheehan, DOT Commissioner, as a guest, and perhaps Mike Cryons, Executive Councilor.

Other Business. Meredith reiterated her interest in a thermometer at the park to measure our fundraising progress. Doug will see if he can get the one used by EVA for the Greeley House project. Meredith announced that the cover of this year's Town Report will feature the park. Kate reported on plans for this year's Sailing Club winter wing ding, which will be held this Saturday, the 9th. Doug complained that the Town's park web site was out of date, using a link to an old EVA webpage. Ryan explained that there is an updated page, which Doug missed, but he will review it.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:30. Next meeting Tuesday, February 19th.

Doug Smith