

Town of Enfield, NH
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes for November 5, 2019 Meeting

Present: Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ryan Aylesworth, Paul Mirski (Consultant), Rob Taylor, Kate McMullan, Jo-Ellen Cortney, Terri Lynch, Shirly Green, Ken Warren, Ed McLaughlin, Julie McLaughlin

The meeting opened with the circulation of copies of the minutes from the last meeting and an agenda for today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of 10/15/19 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Historic Preservation Office and DOT Update – David Trubey, NH State Archeological, and Mark Dubrowski of NH DOT toured the park site to make an assessment of what portions of the site had been disturbed during the road and bridge construction project. Their determination was that the berm and the location where we are planning to place the pavilion along with the location of the old motel have clearly been altered. This allows for moving ahead with Phase 1 of the pavilion (Phase 1 does not include the lowering of the RR bed in that region.)

Larry Kensington of DOT said that the lowering of the RR bed should be OK. This needs formal approval by DOT and Lou Barker, Rails and Trails for NHDOT. He has been on the email chain with the other state officials and Ryan needs to include him for any work involved in altering the RR Bed and for any work within the setback.

Ryan was contacted by the governor's council about the ADA compliance of the toilet in the park and during that call he brought up the approaches being taken to make the pavilion and the park ADA compliant. Ryan has a call with the Governor's Council to pursue their support to help with this, and getting approval required to lower the bed and to help offset the costs.

Design and Location of the Pavilion – Paul Mirski presented a complete set of plans, *Mascoma Lakeside Park Scheme L*, dated October 28, 2019, (available at Town Hall) for development of the parking area (Phase 2 of construction) as well as for location of the pavilion (Phase 1 of construction). Each plan was discussed by the committee as Paul reviewed the various options and challenges they presented. There were two major designs presented: 1) with the lowering of the RR Bed to accommodate ADA access from Main Street, and 2) no lowering of the RR Bed.

(The lowering of the RR Bed is going to have resistance based on the experience seen in Canaan where the request was denied. Any work in that area would need to include a Dig Safe project to identify exactly where the fiber optics cables are laid.)

Paul's objective with the redesign of the parking area, as requested by the committee, was to reduce the number of parking spaces to leave more open space for the park. This required moving to a single row of parking spaces (18) angled for efficiency with a turnaround near the pavilion site large enough for small sail boat trailers, and to allow for a dropping off area next to the pavilion.

Paul included a proposal for parking along Main Street if the RR agrees to lowering the grade of the RR bed.

The committee agreed the projects needed to be prioritized. The motions to set and agree to priorities were as follows:

1. Pavilion Construction
 - a. Proceed with plan C4 grading and construction of the pavilion and walkways around and to the pavilion from the existing parking area.
 - b. Proceed with activities to get permission from the State to allow for regrading of the RR Bed to allow for an ADA connection from Main Street. (C3)
2. Parking lot reconstruction, with hardpack for all surfaces.
3. Main Street Parking
4. Development of Lot 44 and lakeside green areas for flora and nature walks. A sub-committee (The Green Sub-committee) was appointed to pursue this in parallel with the other priorities. Members: Terri, Meredith, Jo Ellen, Shirly, Kate and Julie. Mike Burns (Enfield resident and landscape expert) and others as identified, will be asked for assistance.

The priorities listed above were voted on: Priorities 1-3 the vote was 8-0; and the vote on Priority 4 was 8-1 (Reason for the No vote was the feeling that we need to stay focused on the pavilion and parking areas.)

The priorities will also allow for better communication with the Northern Borders as we move forward with development and changes required.

Kate talked with Bill Gegas, Program Specialist, NH Department of Natural and Cultural resources, about Enfield applying for a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant in either 2020 or 2022. Mr Gegas will send information and forms so we can begin to prepare to submit an application. Federal match grants up to \$200,000 are distributed every two years to state/local projects through the L&WCFG program.

Park Signage – Signage for the park needs to be developed in accordance with the town's overall approach. Terri took several pictures of the signs for the Dog Park and the 4A Sports fields as examples.

A more important sign needs to be made up directing users of the RR Trail to park at the Depot parking area to minimize congestion at the park.

Next meeting was set for 11/19 at 3:30 PM at Whitney Hall. **(NOTE: This meeting will be for the members of the Green Subcommittee only.)**

Meeting adjourned at approx. 5:14 PM.

Julie McLaughlin