

Town of Enfield, NH
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes for December 3, 2019 Meeting

Present: Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ryan Aylesworth, Rob Taylor, Terri Lynch 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.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of 11/5/19 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Historic Preservation Office and DOT Update – Dick McKay on behalf of The Friends of the Rail Trail “heartily” approved of the lowering of the Rail Trail. This will have to be followed up with details. Ryan talked with Larry Kensington of DOT who said that he has not talked to others, but if they agree he has no problem with lowering the Rail Trail. However, the amount the Rail Trail is to be lowered still needs to be agreed to talk to him about the amount and the ADA issues it will address. The angle parking along Main Street may be a bigger issue because of the intrusion on the rail trails right of way. It may be better to go with parallel parking along the road. This all needs formal approval by DOT and Lou Barker, Rails and Trails for NHDOT.

Ryan has not heard back from the Governor’s Council on ADA.

Design and Location of the Pavilion – Paul Mirski was unable to attend the meeting. This item was deferred

Landscape Sub-committee – Terri, Rob and Meredith met and discussed the landscape needs and desires. The lowering of the existing bypass/sidewalk will require the state to approve it. The amount of site work will probably take up most of the available funds and leave little for landscaping. Mike Burns and Steve Patten will be approached about offering assistance in developing a preliminary estimate of what the costs could be based on the final position of the pavilion and the ability to lower the rail road bed.

Terri showed us a book from UNH Cooperative Extension titled, Landscaping at the Water’s edge. An excellent resource for ideas on what we should and should not do. Meredith spoke with the Master Gardner Program and they are interested in our project.

Northern Borders Land Trust – has a new Executive Director, Rich Grogan

Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – No Update

Park Signage – Rob is going to develop some ideas on what we can do to redirect parking to other locations in Enfield and Lebanon.

Next meeting – Will be on January 7, 2020 at 3:30 PM at Whitney Hall. The 3rd week of December meeting was cancelled by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 4:32 PM.

Julie McLaughlin