

Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes 6/1/21

The committee met via Zoom conference room at 3:30. Present Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Jack Wozmak, Rob Taylor, Ken Warren, Kate McMullen, Terri Lynch, Shirley Green, Pattie Fried

LWC UPDATE

Jack reports speaking with Bill to get a concession agreement that would work for all parties including sailing club, Roberts dock, parking. Kate will work on getting sample wording from Barnard/Silver Lake. Grant could be awarded within next couple months but the progress can be slowed if needed. May have a couple years to get matching funds.

PAVILION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Roof is mostly done except for ridge vent. Granite for post bases are in. Waiting on granite for seat top/retaining wall. Concrete floor to be sealed when work area can be cleared. Perimeter of pavilion will then be paved. Est. Completion date end of June.

ACCOUNTING UPDATES

\$41,200 received toward match. Sailing Club has given \$2,000 toward maintenance. Need to formalize a system for accounting of 'In Kind donations'. Pattie and Doug to work on that.

RAIL TRAIL ACCESS

Committee would like to proceed with RailTrail access to park. Meredith will check with Patten's in a couple weeks to see if they would recommend someone to complete this if they are unable to.

LANDSCAPE

Pattie reported. Work Day on the 14th removed a lot of invasive plants/shrubs. Need to replace those with native plants and soil. Meredith reported the old retaining wall to the side of the non motorized boat launch is unstable and a possible hazard. Shirley reminded the committee to seek approval/permits if needed to proceed when working within the shoreline protected area. The DES can also provide some help planning lake friendly solutions. May be as simple as Permit by Notification.

(Minutes provided till this point submitted by Terri, who had to leave the meeting. Doug recorded the remainder of the meeting.)

PUBLICITY

Meredith noted that the information about the park on the town website is very out of date. She questioned how best to update and maintain this information. Could the Park Committee have its own web site? Rob said that Barbara Jones had set up a site for the Master Plan Task Force, www.enfield-leaps.org, which is linked to the town website. He will speak to Barbara about doing the same for the Park Committee. Kate reminded the committee that Bill Fontaine, who has experience in the field, had offered some time ago to set up a site for the committee. She will ask Bill if he is still interested.

RULES AND FEES

Jack is pursuing this and will develop some recommendations.

PARKING

To accommodate events, overflow parking will be needed. Rob showed the committee a new plan drawn by Paul, showing angle parking along Main Street, a stairway down from the rail trail, and a new location for a walkway from Main Street. Rob pointed out that Main Street is a state highway and angle parking may not get approved. Alternatively, parallel parking probably would be approved. The town has a budget to improve the walkways on this stretch of Main Street. It is possible that this work could be expanded to include provision for parallel parking. An area opposite Sargent Street would be excluded so that large trucks could continue to make that turn.

RAIL TRAIL ACCESS

Cut off when the access road was removed, access from the rail trail needs to be restored. Getting approval of Paul's plan to lower the rail trail is uncertain and could take years. The committee voted to proceed with an alternative, the "Patten Plan", for a paved ramp from a point where the grassy slope meets the rail trail to the tent platform. Dick MacKay of The Rail Trail Alliance has committed \$2,000 toward the \$4,200 estimate, and additional funding will be solicited from other sources. Pattie will contact The Upper Valley Trails Alliance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.

DAS