

**Town of Enfield  
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee  
Minutes, March 2, 2021**

The committee met at 3:36 in the Remote Zoom conference meeting. Present: Jo Ellen Courtney, Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Terri Lynch, Rob Taylor, Julie McLaughlin, Kate McMullen, Ken Warren, Jack Wozmak, Paul Mirski (Guest)

**Minutes from February approved.**

**Pavilion Construction:** Rob reported that we are staying with the vinyl. Sean is waiting for better weather before proceeding. It was noted that the slow progress so far is what was intended. There was a letter received from an observer that the water and ice shield is being blown off of the roof. Rob will follow up with Sean.

The question was asked: will there be a bicycle access off of Main street? Rob will get with Sean/Steve.

The next item was about bringing water to the park for the gardens. Ideas discussed were:

- An electric or gas-powered pump to draft water from the lake. MLP could buy one. It would require set-up each time it was used.
- A drip system
- A frost-free hydrant could be installed: expensive
- Price a system connected to town water

Concrete sealer needs to be installed on the slab of the pavilion ASAP

What is the completion date for construction: May or June? The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the goal.

**Fund Raising:** Meredith signed 5 letters of request for grants. Christopher Reeve, Couch, Eastman, Butler, Timken. Patti has volunteered for fund raising. Question: What places haven't we contacted yet? Doug has volunteered to lead the fund-raising activity. Jo Ellen, Doug and Patti have agreed to produce a flyer inhouse.

**Trash:** At the last planning board meeting 8 abutters complained about the trash at the park and they asked for bins to be placed. Enfield DPW says no to bins and says that pack-in/pack-out is working. Ideas discussed included security cameras, education, adopt a park system; light on a motion switch inside of the pavilion. The intention of the committee is to follow the rules of all public parks. It was noted all operators of successful parks deal with trash and parking issues.

Rob included the following item in his grant application to Land and Water Conservation: Access from Rail Trail to a bike rack in the park.

**Permanent Benches:** Paul suggested 4 benches that would anchor the 4 corners of the pavilion. Terri suggested no backs on the benches. Hanover Country Club has donated 3 or 4 benches that all need work. Suggestion to approach Richard Holmquist concerning this.

**Parking:** (Observation from the skating club said that 8 to 10 towns are parking in the lot) Doug suggested giving all the parking issues at the park to the town. Jack said the town doesn't have a plan yet. Paul suggested the other side of rail trail on town owned land on Main street. Rob suggested Shed Street property. Doug suggested Pay and Display parking.

Comment: 30 plus cars were parked in the park during a peak skating week end. Our plan is for 17 spaces in the park. If we do nothing, we can accommodate 30 plus cars. Rob will talk to the town about what can be done.

Jo Ellen suggests a map on the Kiosk identifying satellite parking areas. Rob will send Jo Ellen and Terri a list that they will post.

Julie was asked to talk with Father John Sullivan about being able to use the La Salette Parking Lot for the skating club in winter.

**Landscaping:** Patti Fried has identified an invasive species, Japanese Knotweed, and a plan for irradiating it.

A spring work party will be planned to plant blueberry bushes.

A location for the gifted Christmas Tree will be determined and planted on Earth Day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McLaughlin