

**Town of Enfield, NH**  
Minutes for June 7, 2022 Meeting

The Committee met Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 3:30 pm, DPW Conference Room.

Present in person: Rob Taylor, Kate McMullan, Terri Lynch, Liam Ehrenzweig, Ken Warren, Pattie Fried, Penny Koburger, David Beaufait, Jo-Ellen Cortney (guest), Amy Stewart, Enfield Village School (guest)

Present by Teams: Ed Morris

The meeting opened with circulation of copies of minutes from May 3, 2022 meeting, an agenda for today's meeting and an illustration of proposed walking trails through the park.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 5/3/22 meeting were approved by voice vote with correction to spelling of Penny Koburger's name. Ed confirmed that minutes do not need to be signed by recorder, only approved by committee.

Terri read minutes from 5/9/22 park site visit, minutes approved.

Terri introduced new committee member Penny Koburger.

Amy Stewart, Enfield Village School and a representative of Enfield Recreation Department was invited to collaborate on the development of the trails and an outdoor classroom. Amy discussed how she currently utilizes the park. Amy's kindergarten class consisting of 18 children, visit the park and Rail Trail on a weekly basis noting seasonal changes in the park and along the trail. Discussion presented ideas such as a "Book walk, collaborating with Valley quest to include the park as part of a quest, signs indicating native plants, trees and shrubs." Amy also indicated that a classroom with moveable seating would be welcome. Committee discussed safety of movable seating. Amy indicated they are not interested in a playground. Amy indicated that Martha Dolley and the Library may want to be involved in initiatives at the park.

Ken Warren suggested we highlight that Mascoma Lake is the water source for Lebanon NH and educating the public on the impact. Terri discussed the Watershed Warrior Program, which is geared towards grades K-12, 1 day program, educational equipment can be rented from NH Lakes or purchased for \$250.00. Mascoma Lake Association is looking into this program. Kate stated that VINS has watershed educational materials and displays, Kate will follow up with VINS on this and report back to committee.

Financial Report was not given in Doug's absence.

Retaining Wall Update was provided by Liam. The old dock and railroad ties have been removed. Crushed stone footing has been placed and foundation has been leveled. DPW will remove railroad ties for disposal. Liam indicated that Mike Burns is working with Carrol Concrete, Lebanon, NH to do work on a Saturday, which is a challenge due to the coordination of crew for specialized concrete work. Estimated completion date difficult to pin down. Meanwhile, boat access is open.

Liam also reported that the DPW crew is mowing walking paths. Ed and Liam encouraged committee members to visit the park and review the proposed walking path. Committee agreed to recess meeting and move to park to review in person. Ed confirmed that paths are 5' wide and a 5' turnaround radius to maintain ADA compliance. There will be intentional spaces which will allow people to slow down and take in the educational components of the park, such as a

Pollinator Garden, Vernal Pool and other highlights. Committee agrees that meandering paths, natural slopes with benches and picnic tables should be included.

Mission Statement - motion to table Mission Statement so that Meredith can take part in this discussion. Committee in favor.

Plantings and Work Day - Pattie Fried updated committee on June 1, 2022 workday. A total of 11 volunteers clocked 40 hours. DPW was very helpful in delivering materials and working with volunteers. Volunteers weeded, planted and mulched existing garden beds. A future work date of July 29 was discussed. UNH Master Gardeners are eager to help at park. Pattie suggested restoration and enhancement of existing Rain Garden. Pattie would like to confirm if this is a project that the Mascoma Lake Association might like to be involved in. Terri will check on this. Pattie also indicated a need for water for plantings and will research options and report back to the committee.

The committee thanked Ken Warren for the Rail Trail and Park signs. They look great. Similar signs maybe available for use throughout the park. Ken provided feedback regarding parking noting that there are less cars now during the week than in 2021. Weekends continue to be busy.

Park Management Issues - Committee discussed moving the existing kiosk. It is 2 sided and currently not being used to its full potential. Committee members recommend moving the kiosk 90 degrees with covered side facing entrance of park. Kiosk should be placed as close to the sidewalk as possible. Terri indicated that someone should be in charge and check board. David volunteered to do this and the Committee agreed that the kiosk should be used to display Town of Enfield information, Mascoma Lakeside Park Information, Rail Trail information on the covered side.

Bike racks should arriving soon. The Committee voted to place a picnic table in the pavilion on a trail basis. A wish list will be created and additional tables and benches will be added.

Committee also discussed the removal of damaged Birch trees by the Rail Trail. David will confirm if the land is the towns or rail trails prior to determining removal plan.

4:36 pm meeting recessed and moved to Mascoma Lakeside Park for walk through and discussion on kiosk and picnic table placements. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Submitted by: Pattie Fried