

Mascoma Lakeside Park
Committee Meeting at Enfield Community Building, Enfield, NH
Minutes: 1/10/23-Approved

Members in Attendance: Shirley Green, Kate McMullen, Meredith Smith, Doug Smith, Ken Warren, Terri Lynch, Penny Koburger, Patti Fried, and Dave Beaufait

Town Reps. in attendance: Liam Ehrenzweig, and Ed Morris.

In consultation with: Mike Burns

Financial Updates:

Cash receipts through 12/31/22 were: \$553,577.54

Total cash outlays through 12/31/22 were: \$439,730.91

Net Cash on hand: \$113,846.63

Donations received this month were \$550. There was no change in investments. We spent \$25,000 on the retaining wall.

Mike Burns consultation:

Mike gave an overview of his understanding of the parameters of the landscape plan he will be creating for us. He invited a general discussion of things the board would like to see incorporated in the park:

- an outdoor classroom/learning area with natural seating
- vernal pool/ wetland area with viewing platform
- permeable meandering pathways
- various natural plant areas: pollinator meadow, native american garden, fern and riparian areas, and a rain garden
- planting trees for wildlife and shade.
- maintaining some open area for multiple recreational use.
- serve as an example of shoreline and conservation best practices.

Questions came up of how we manage invasive plants as there are pluses and minuses for however we manage invasives. Another question was wetland rules we may need to research.

Mike noted that the implementation of planted areas will require a lot of labor, thus staggering some of the area's may be necessary (so newly planted areas can receive greater attention).

Infrastructure Subcommittee:

Dave B. reviewed the letter to the Bureau of Trails and Lou Barker (or Rennie?) : removal of asphalt, landscape planting at top of hill with border of rail trail, and request of Rail trail to fix erosion from people cutting down

the bank. A revised letter will go out with Ed M.'s and Meredith S.'s approval.

Approval was granted for parking along the Main St.

Kate M. brought up whether we want to reconsider approaching Liberty Utility regarding the power pole that is in the area where sailboats are taken down to the water. It is a potential safety hazard. If it is going to be removed it makes sense to incorporate it while we are working on the parking area. One question is what removal will cost.

Landscaping Subcommittee:

The landscaping committee will meet the first thursday of the next couple of months. Distant Hills provides us with some ideas for natural paths through a nature area.