

**Town of Enfield
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, June 26, 2018**

The committee met at 3:30 in the Whitney Hall conference room. Present: Meredith Smith, Kate McMullan, Doug Smith, Ryan Aylesworth, Shirley Green, Jo Ellen Courtney, Julie McLaughlin, Ed McLaughlin, Terry Lynch, Ken Warren, Mary Ann Haagen, Scott Osgood. Absent: Kim Quirk, Bob Barr

Approval of the June 5 meeting minutes – Approved with one correction,

Financial Report: Ryan distributed a report of cash and pledges received to date. The total is \$158,139.99 in cash, and pledges. The actual purchase price for the land is going to be: \$128,600 (+ \$1,100 Administration fee). The cash on hand is enough to cover the purchase. Ryan is going to send Ed a new list of the pledge donors to start the process to collect the pledges to cover any needed or approved improvements once the purchase is completed.

The Executive Council is expected to meet the week of July 23 and will take up the approval of the sale of the land to Enfield. However, it must be waived by the Admin and Housing Authority which has been given 30 days to express their interest by the state. This 30-day window expires on July 14.

Campaign: A discussion about the next steps on the campaign ensued, centered around what are the next steps for the park once purchased. What improvements are going to take place and how will they be determined? The discussion followed (loosely) the approach for the development along 3 tracks: 1) Identify a landscape architect [3 bids will be solicited]; 2) A Public Forum date to be established for input; 3) A final recommendation to be developed for the Board of Selectpersons.

What was discussed to do first: Do we need a concept before we can go to the public? Should we go to the public first? A number of pros and cons were reviewed. Ryan opened a discussion on the need for input from the community at large especially from the younger demographic of residents of Enfield. The discussion includes the idea to have a small group of the demographic meet as a focus group as a precursor to the larger public meeting. It was suggested that the Friends of Mascoma might be a good source for participants. Meredith was going to pursue through Holly West.

The discussion on the landscape architect included an offer by Paul Mirski to work with the committee to develop some designs. It was decided to ask Paul if this was Pro-bono or not. And, also to pursue Rob White as another option. The discussion also wanted to make sure what was being offered or what would be asked for of the architect: concept drawings for use at the various public meetings, blueprints for implementation?

Any design or use of the park has to keep the original intent in mind which included: A natural park that is environmental and reflects the educational aspirations of Bill Martin, a past president

of the Mascoma Lake Association and inspiration and driving force behind the need to protect the quality and access to lake.

Foundation Campaign Update:

- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has given a donation through one of their funds
- Northern Borders Grant – Should hear in August or September for December distribution of funds if approved
- Hope Foundation – No Update
- Couch Foundation – Holding on Couch
- Others?

Mascoma Lake Association: Ryan will present at the event, as a featured speaker.

Kiosk: The Kiosk has not been moved into position. The proposal (by Ed) is now to move and install the kiosk to the approximate position that has been marked, after approval by dig safe and ATT. The proposed site as approved meets the DES guidelines for the kiosk.(Approved unanimously.)

Other Activities:

Publicity: How do we want to announce the purchase of the park? It was recommended that we have a “park opening ceremony” at a time to be determined and to invite the Governor, Executive Council, State Reps, other dignitaries, contributors and especially the public.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2018 Whitney Hall conference room, 3:30

Meeting adjourned. 4:55 PM

Julie McLaughlin