

TOWN OF ENFIELD, NH
MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022
DPW CONFERENCE ROOM @ 3:30 PM
Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present in person: Penny Koburger, Terri Lynch, Doug Smith, Meredith Smith, Kate McMullan and by Teams Dave Beaufait and Shirley Green
Town reps: Ed Morris, Liam Ehrenzweig, and Rob Taylor

Minutes from 6/7 approved by roll call, Doug and Meredith abstained

Financial Update

Doug reports no activity for the past 8 weeks and a need to continue fundraising to take advantage of the \$50,000 still available if matched in the LWC Grant. Volunteer hours can be counted as in kind donations. Need to track the hours and the jobs that were done. It was agreed that a letter would be generated to potential donors highlighting the accomplishments at the park and explaining the availability of \$50,000 more grant money if we can match it. The letter can be signed by every committee member to make it more personal. Doug will draft a letter.

RSA91-A

Ed briefly explained the major points of the legal rules for town committees:

Roll call votes are needed if any members are there electronically and not in person

Members can vote if they attend electronically if there is a quorum in attendance in person (4 members for our committee)

Meetings must give 24 hour notice.

Groups of 3 can meet but more than 4 committee members meeting constitutes a meeting and must follow above rules or be considered illegal.

When responding to emails re: review of minutes, respond only to sender, not to "all" Alysa has a quick guide to RSA91-A if requested.

Rail Trail Access

Ed will check with NRT about removal of asphalt which goes from Main Street to the Rail Trail (part of the former temporary emergency access) David will communicate with Lindy re: rail trail parking places for rail trail users.

Pavilion

Upper Valley Land Trust has used the pavilion for meetings. Some folks are using the picnic table placed under the pavilion. Bicycles riding through the pavilion have not been a serious issue. There is a need for a formal procedure/contract for those wanting to reserve/rent the pavilion which is being researched by the town. Meredith has gathered some info from other parks about reservation fees and will pass them along to Ed. Several members voiced concern that the park not be closed for these occasions and access to parking, lake and paths be kept open to the public at all times. Hours for use of the park should be posted.

Retaining Wall

Mike Burns is nearly done. The retaining wall looks great. He is finishing up with some seeding and will receive the second half of payment when completed.

Scenic ByWays Grant

The Town of Enfield's application to the Scenic Byways Grant has been accepted by the NH DOT and advanced to the federal level. This grant could provide funding for parking and walkways along 4A and Main Street.

Bike Rack

Bike Rack is here and has been assembled. It is very heavy. It will be placed to the rail trail side at the start of the path to the pavilion where it can be accessed from both sides. It is made of recycled plastic and matches the picnic tables and benches.

Planning for Walking Trails and Plantings

Penny circulated a map which includes the trees that are in place now along with her ideas for potential trees and plantings. Options for watering discussed which will be essential to figure out before making such a large investment. Sump pumps discussed but may be too difficult to use regularly as the electric source is at the pavilion only and water access there is through dense shrubs. Solar sump pump deemed too labor intensive to maintain. It would be ideal to have access to town water but this will be very costly. A temporary measure could be to use the town's portable truck mounted water tank as needed. Ed will check on that possibility. The need for storage of equipment discussed. The Sailing Club has a locked "locker" that may be available, Kate will check on that. Need for storage is not clear. Incorporating educational and conservation areas along the walkways discussed such as a rustic style (made of levelled off logs for seating) classroom and a pollinator/butterfly garden area, a native American garden, a vernal pond, a fern bed, and an oak grove.

Park Management Issues

Trash has been a problem at all parks. "Carry in Carry out" policy is in place but trash is still a problem. Some volunteers have been cleaning up the park. Ed states they are looking at reinstalling receptacles for trash and recycling in the parks with containers that are shielded from rain.

The kiosk will remain where it is until the parking lot is being done. It needs a permanent home where both of its sides can be seen and used.

Some folks are using the park to wade as it is shallow.

Parking lot has been very full at times with much space wasted between vehicles. We will be able to get maximum parking when we can mark the spaces. Parking lot plans should be readily available without contracting someone to do so.

Mission Statement for this Committee

Deferred to another meeting, perhaps a small committee to take up the task. Importance of keeping with our goal to be watershed stewards expressed. Asking NH Lakes Association President, Andrea LaMoreaux to return for consulting would be good.

Town Staff Reports

Recreation Director and Don Moyer (Rail Trail) have met with Ed to walk the Enfield portion of the Rail Trail to discuss improvement opportunities. The portion of the trail on the overpass near the park will get some attention soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:28 Next meeting August 2