

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
May 25, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:45 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Mark Herr, Charlie Ritter, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Marschalek.

**Next meetings:** June 15 & 29, July 13, August 10 & 31 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of May 11 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**New Snow Gun:** The contract has been signed to purchase a new snow gun to be delivered by November of 2021. The cost is around \$22,000.

**Pump House Maintenance:** Jim M., Rich M, and Brian F. completed the pump house maintenance in the past week. They will investigate a possible exhaust system to maintain proper temperature range during snowmaking in the pump house which will resolve leaving the door open to keep the room cool enough. Jim M. is reviewing the pump house documentation to be able to assist with troubleshooting and any possible enhancements in the future. Rich and Jim will meet again this fall to discuss open activities in more detail.

**Electrical:** Rich M. has reviewed the electrical bills and has contacted WE-Energies about the various billing options that exist. They are investigating our last 6 months of charges to determine if we were in the correct category and what the new category for 2021 should be. Rich will report his findings at a future meeting. He will also present a summary of snowmaking expenses at a future meeting – most likely the late June or July meeting.

**Hydrants:** John M. reported that the new hydrants are in place with some site restoration needed including seeding & straw placement.

**Evergreen Shelter Replacement Planning:** John M. reported that a potential name for the new building will be the Lapham Peak Lodge since it will be so much more than a shelter. There is a core committee working on this and they are continuing to set up meetings to get input from all user groups. Will E. and Charlie R. will be working on fund raising. It is hoped that architectural renderings will be ready by early July that can be used for fund raising. It was noted that Rick B. sent a list of his thoughts on the new building to the committee members & FLP board.

**New Kiosk:** The concrete pad has been poured for the Eagle Scout kiosk project. It is being built off site with plans to install it at the end of May. Charlie R. & Mark H. will discuss signage considerations with Colton K. For now, they plan to keep the old one in place for fund raising communications. It was noted that the DNR will have permanent signs for the snowmaking trails.

**Updated DNR Guidelines:** A letter was circulated from Missy Vanlanduyt of the WI DNR updating the max number of people from 100 to 350 effective May 21,2021. This applies to volunteers, DNR led events, and special events. All buildings that were open in 2020 will remain available to the public in 2021 while all other DNR facilities remain closed to the public. They will continue to use capacity closures this summer to promote social distancing and encourage visitors to come during the week, early morning or late afternoon.

**Weather station:** Jim M. raised the question of a need to establish an internet-connected weather station, perhaps as an enhancement to the new building. Jim M. & Rich M. will discuss this with Colton. Jim also suggested there is a need for a central repository for documents and data, perhaps in the cloud, that is accessible to anyone needing them.

**Paying Groomers & Head Snowmaker:** This idea is being discussed while exploring the specifics of 3 different options. More to come in the future.

**Phase IV Planning:** This is currently scheduled to be implemented in 2025 as funds are raised. A sub committee will meet this fall to explore the planning and implementation. The LUA is due to be revisited this fall of 2021.

**Volunteer Hours:** Everyone was reminded to keep track of all volunteer hours during 2021. Hours can be documented on the Google docs snowmaking volunteers spread sheet.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**