

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
June 29, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:15 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Marschalek, Rich Marusinec.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 15 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Donation to Peak Nordic Ski Club: A thank you was received from the ski club for the donation from the Friends of Lapham Peak for uniforms for the middle school team. We continue to explore ways for our two organizations to support each other.

Lapham Lodge Planning: John M. showed the latest architectural rendering of the proposed building as well as a site map with the electrical lines now marked. The building site had to be shifted slightly to avoid the electrical lines. John noted that the site survey would take place tomorrow, June 30. This will give the planning committee a better idea of the ideal location for the building.

Updated DNR Guidelines: Anne K. provided additional clarification after this meeting stating that mitigation forms for special events and commercial use applications are no longer required.

Winter Recreation Storage Building: John M. reported that the new grass is growing well. It was also noted that water has been coming into the building under the southeast door from roof and slope runoff. This has been draining into the holding tank which explains why the tank was so full when 11,000 gallons were pumped out a few weeks ago. This situation will be monitored, especially after heavy rains, with consideration for possibly adding gutters to the building or changing the grading slightly to move water away from that door. We are still awaiting the final \$10,000 payment from the WI-DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant #FR3-20-14. Rich M. noted that we are still waiting for the replacement garage door windows and additional garage door opener.

Fundraising: Anne R. reported that a generous snowmaking supporter has given a donation of \$20,000 to go toward operating and maintenance expenses of the system and toward paying groomers as needed.

Insurance: Dan Wiley of the FLP board will be our main contact for insurance issues. He had reported that the FLP was overcharged for some months during 2020 and will thus pay somewhat less during the upcoming year. The policy was renewed for another year in June 2021.

Trail Width Design: It was suggested that a standard clearance from objects be included in the training for groomers, DNR staff, and snowmakers for safety and consistency.

Electric Bill: We are still waiting for the billing category resolution from WE Energies. Once it's available Anne R., Rick B. & Rich M. will have a Zoom discussion on this topic.

Groomers: Rich M. reported that he has completed a draft of the job description and a PowerPoint of the progress of the process for grooming. It includes a proposal to pay some of the groomers as independent contractors vs employees. He will meet with Beattle & Mark Janis to finalize a presentation for a future meeting.

Pumphouse: Jim M. & Rich M. will pursue obtaining a fan for the building and plan to run a check every 6 weeks. It was noted that Summer Stage has been using water from 2 of the hydrants near them after asking DNR staff to turn the pump on at the correct pressure. There was some discussion and concern expressed about the potential for high pressure water exiting the hydrant and it was felt that Summer Stage should be encouraged to arrange to use the DNR's pressure tank instead for safety reasons. If done correctly, the pump can be set at a specific low frequency to maintain 60 psi or less by the DNR staff who turn on the water.

Electrical Circuit Changes: This is on hold pending approval from DNR for funding.

Ski Conditions Web Page: Jim M. will work with John Hillmer to explore how to improve the ski conditions web page including adding the ability to upload photos of trail conditions.

New Purchasing Form: Anne R. noted that anyone purchasing items for the FLP needs to give a copy of revised form S-211 along with the new CES# to the vendor. This will show that the vendor does not have to charge sales tax for our tax-exempt organization.

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