

**Ingleside Utilization Committee  
Meeting at Ingleside Property  
July 31, 2017**

Present: Lucky Belcamino, Dawn Bilodeau, Guy Corbosiero, Jane LaPointe  
Francis Murphy, Greg Vine

Absent: Dave Romanowski, Brian Dickens

Public/Guest: Rick Lucier

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Old Business**

2017/2018 Projects proposed and approved/supported by BOS

1. Picnic Tables; Phase One; Accessible Location
  - a. To be located in the circle in front of the Ingleside house
  - b. Dead and overgrown vegetation and trees will be removed and/or trimmed – Fran and Guy?
  - c. Lucky has the software to graphically design and place the picnic tables in the space for the committee to review and revise – with an eye toward accessibility, appearance, etc.
  - d. It will be posted as a carry in/carry out picnic area: no trash cans
  - e. TBD: number and source of tables
  - f. TBD: materials to make accessible walkways to accessible tables
  - g. TBD: location of handicap parking and proximity to accessible picnic spots
2. Trails
  - a. A more comprehensive plan for trails remains to be developed; one that sets priorities for the work to be done and the resources required to do it.
  - b. Dawn and Jane will schedule a time with Rick to walk the trails and get a better idea of development potential – with an eye toward accessibility and other uses.
  - c. Rick noted that the trail near the shoreline that enters the property at the corner of Maple and Elm Streets will require special consideration re regulations once the dam is repaired and the water level is raised.
  - d. We identified a short trail, pathway from the end of the circular driveway, across a short section of lawn and through the trees to a spot that could easily be turned into an accessible scenic seating/viewing area. It would require clearing some branches and small saplings, putting down a material on the pathway for ease of access by walkers, wheelchairs, carriages etc. and installing a barrier

where the land slopes down toward the water to prevent wheeled devices from going down the hill.

3. Barn

- a. Guy and Fran have started cutting saplings and brush from around the foundation. The DPW will chip. There is a question of being able to keep the chips at Ingleside for future use.
- b. A contractor/carpenter inspected the barn and reported that the issues with the don't require urgent repair

4. Other

- a. Guy passed out a letter from Miranda Jennings of the Winchendon School to the Board of Selectmen, requesting permission for a group of Service-Learning student leaders and teachers to hold an overnight camping and planning session at Ingleside. They are interested in discussing projects that would benefit Ingleside and the Town. She will be meeting with the BOS on August 7<sup>th</sup> to seek approval for this use.
- b. Brush clearing to increase visibility for views and security. There is a lot of brush and growth that could be cleared from the boundary of the lawn and the trees that would open visual access to the water.
- c. Accessibility requirements. Dawn and Jane will share the responsibility, on behalf of the IUC, to get up to speed on ADA compliance requirements and implications for the development of Ingleside.
- d. Dawn talked about possibilities for getting corporate volunteers or sponsors to help in the development of Ingleside – ideas that build on the United Way Day of Caring and business focus on corporate social responsibility.
- e. In response to hearing people talk about the trees on the property (size, age, beauty) and to notice the thick carpets of moss, the woodchuck hole, etc., we recognize the opportunity to place signs around the property, informing people of what they are looking at, and coming up with interesting facts or questions – i.e. for a tree that must be over 200 years old – what has it “seen” in history

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 22, 2018