

Ingleside Utilization Committee (I.U.C.)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25th, 2017

Present: Dave Romanowski, Guy Corbosiero, Francis Murphy, Brian Dickens, Greg Vine

Absent: J. Lillie, Jane LaPointe

Guests: Albert C. Gallant, Director of Winchendon Public Works

Agenda:

- Discussion of Master Plan
- Actions going forward

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

Minutes from past meeting on April 11th, 2017 were approved.

Al Gallant, Director of Winchendon Public Works, attended this meeting to offer his insights on Ingleside's development. Chairperson Dave Romanowski began discussion at the meeting by indicating the priority of the committee's changing the entry way at Ingleside. The driveway sits at the crest of the hill on Maple Street leading into Winchendon. During past Fall Festivals at Ingleside, traffic detail by Winchendon Police was mandatory and will continue to be for any event held at the park. The I.U.C. has deliberated on widening the entry way and removing trees and sections of the rock wall around it to do so.

Chair Dave asked Al Gallant if the driveway is in the jurisdiction of MASSDOT or Winchendon Public Works. Mr. Gallant was unable to confirm either way but said he could look into it. Mr. Gallant asked if the committee possesses a budget to complete these changes.

Member Guy Corbosiero answers that the I.U.C. is purely an advisory committee at this time and consults with the Winchendon Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gallant says that if the entry to Ingleside is determined to be on state property, then the I.U.C. faces a minimum application process of one month if it wishes to change the entryway in any manner. If the entryway rests on Winchendon town land, the decision goes through the Board Of Selectmen. In either situation, Mr. Gallant estimated that the trees surrounding the entryway would cost \$1,000.00 to remove.

The committee moved 5-0 to go before the Board Of Selectmen on May 8th to present developments within the committee and to share ideas about changes to the entryway.

The committee inquired about the clearing of dead plants and trees in a meadow area of Ingleside that appears to be a neglected orchard. Mr. Gallant informed the committee that clearing work in woodlands totalling at least 25 acres would require overseeing from a MA State Forester. The property at Ingleside is at least 43 acres in total. Mr. Gallant spoke to the importance of hiring the right contractors for the clearing. He said that some companies would saw down the woodland but not mulch it onsite- leaving the committee an expensive job to finish. He said that the optimal situation would be one where a timber company mulches the wood onsite and receives a portion of the collected timber as payment.

Returning to the topic of the entryway, Mr. Gallant indicated that if the committee wishes to change the entryway, that it should submit a rudimentary proposal to the State as soon as possible- details should include the current width of the entryway and a list of proposed changes. Member Brian Dickens noted he could render the area in a computer imaging program. Regarding materials and costs for these new roads leading into Ingleside; Mr. Gallant noted that road grindings from renovated paved roads in Winchendon could be repurposed for use at Ingleside free of charge. He said that while he cannot promise new roads at Ingleside in 2017, that he can promise one mowing of the soccer field near the entryway for one of our events at some point this summer.

Chair Dave reminded the committee about installing a sign indicating development of Ingleside and also underlined the need for security at the site. He recommended that Police Chief Dave Walsh should attend one of the I.U.C.'s next meetings. Dave also mentioned the prospect of having a groundskeeper or tenant live at the residence at Ingleside to patrol the area and mow the lawns.

Speaking to further maintenance of the buildings at Ingleside, member Greg Vine noted that the barn currently holds extra equipment for the Winchendon Fire Department. He also noted that the plumbing in the houses is up to current code, but was installed in 1996 and could be due for updating.

In closing, member Guy Corbosiero noted that the director of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, Glen Eaton, would assist the committee in working on grants for these projects going further.

In preparation for the I.U.C. speaking at the Board Of Selectmen meeting on May 8th at 6:30 p.m., the committee moved to meet an hour beforehand the same day. Chair Dave Romanowski noted that he would not be able to attend, and that Vice Chair J. Lillie should at least be present.

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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