

Ingleside Utilization Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

Present: Dave Romanowski, Guy Corbosiero, Rev. J. Lillie, Francis Murphy, Brian Dickens, Jane LaPointe, Greg Vine

Absent: none

Agenda:

- Meeting schedule discussion (to accommodate new members)
- Discussion of Master Plan
- Actions going forward
- Fall Festival discussion

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from past meeting on March 21st, 2017 were approved, with abstentions from Jane and Greg who were not present at the meeting.

All members were present at the meeting, and changes to the meeting schedule were considered. All members voted to keep the current schedule- the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The committee discussed the use of the Converse Family 250 Year Fund on the development of Ingleside. Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey dropped in on the meeting to give his insight. He is currently evaluating whether or not the bequest from the Converse family allows the I.U.C. to use their funds in full. Mr. Hickey deferred this matter to the Board Of Selectmen for further assessment later this year. Committee member Jane LaPointe has access to the family will in question.

The committee discussed the Master Plan of development at Ingleside. Jane LaPointe spoke to the necessity of consulting with the surveys completed by visitors to Ingleside at the past three year's Fall Festivals. These surveys were shared with the committee by email.

The committee determined that the development of the property will require participation from many different community organizations- like the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Murdock Key Club, local gardeners, farmers, and athletes (from the schools and the community).

The committee agreed that a summertime picnic and ribbon cutting for Ingleside could bring these communities together, since the Fall Festival may happen downtown in the fall of 2017.

The committee spoke about the Fall Festival that has happened at Ingleside for the past 3 years. Jane LaPointe said that the local Community and Economic Development Steering

Committee, with its focus on the downtown would be a good candidate to spearhead the event instead of the Toy Town Partnership/WEC or IUC. The committee agreed that its work to develop Ingleside would be slowed by attempting to be the sole organizers for the Fall Festival in the future. However, the committee has learned that the Winchendon YMCA is interested in helping Fall Fest however possible. A local company constructing a solar farm at the transfer station has offered to donate a substantial but unspecified amount of funds to the festival.

Lastly, the committee resolved to continue its search to find more members. It was agreed by all that the committee would benefit from involvement from Winchendon Police, Winchendon Fire Dept, Winchendon Public Works, or local business owners. The 2016 Fall Festival Survey also collected names, contact information and specific interests in volunteering on the development of Ingleside.

The committee will meet next at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, April 23rd, 2017, at the barn at Ingleside. The committee will also meet the next day at its normally scheduled time and place- on Monday, April 24th, 2017.

Chair Dave Romanowski made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. This was seconded and voted for unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes Approved April 25, 2017