

Ingleside Utilization Committee (I.U.C.)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 8th, 2017

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

Absent: Dave Romanowski

Guest: Rick Lucier, neighbor to Ingleside

Agenda:

- Approve minutes from April 25th, 2017 meeting
- Prepare for joint meeting with Board of Selectmen
- Adjourn and re-adjourn at BOS meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

The committee voted to approve minutes from April 25th, 2017.

The committee welcomed guest Rick Lucier, who is a neighbor of the Ingleside property. He noted that there are foxes, fox cubs, woodchucks, pheasant, turkey and deer on the property. He also mentioned that he dissembled an illegal deer blind set up on the property.

The I.U.C. met on this date to prepare for a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen later in the evening on the same day. The committee found that the following point of concern were the most important to bring up to the B.O.S.

- Altering the current entryway to Ingleside, as it provides poor visibility for those exiting, creating a traffic hazard.
- Renovating the barn. It has foundation issues as well as mild fire damage. The following individuals were noted by the committee as local citizens who could aid us in diagnosing the barn: John LaPlante, Mark Landanno, and Bob Jennings, a physical engineer.
- Holding a picnic, ribbon cutting and sign unveiling to commemorate the Town's acquisition of Ingleside.
- Security of the property. There are many points of access to Ingleside that leave the property open to trespassing and vandalism.

Regarding the last point, the committee voted to invite Chief of Police David Walsh to our June 13th meeting. Greg Vine offered to make the invitation.

The committee also voted to invite Glen Eaton, the director of the Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, to a meeting. The committee voted to have its next meeting on Monday, May 22nd, 2017, or Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017, depending on Glen's availability. Guy Corbosiero offered to make the invitation.

The committee voted to adjourn at 6:22 p.m., and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with the Winchendon Board of Selectmen.

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Vice Chair Rev. J Lillie brief the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Keith Hickey on developments within the committee during its first meetings.

Town Manager Hickey said that the committee's primary purpose was to fundraise for the development of the property. Jane LaPointe argued that the committee is determining what it needs to fundraise for. Mr. Hickey acknowledged this, but advised the committee to bring a fundraising plan or schedule to its next meeting with the B.O.S. He put the committee on notice of the expectation that the development of Ingleside would be done at no cost to the Town. Some initial priorities of the Committee include the entrance, a sign, a plan to cut and sell timber.

The B.O.S. and Mr. Hickey also spoke to the committee about Fall Fest. After some deliberation it was agreed that Fall Festival would not happen at Ingleside as it has in the past, but would instead occur downtown and be more of a town-wide event with cooperation of local businesses and organizations. Mr. Hickey also concluded that the Town would take over responsibility for the Fall Festival.

Other items of note

- Converse Fund: Mr. Hickey is seeking clarification of what money is available: everything but the \$50K seed money for a new 100 year fund or only the interest. Once the available balance is confirmed the Town Manager/BOS will draft an application and criteria. Note: Mr. Hickey views the Converse fund as a gift not as a source for fundraising - which he views as this Committee's responsibility.
- Mr. Barbaro raised the following
  - Public-private partnerships to develop the property and buildings, i.e. boat rental
  - Events to draw people to use the property. I.e. Carnival to draw people to town and to raise money; need to address questions of liability
- Ideas and comments raised during the meeting
  - Scout Jamboree
  - Site for future Chili Festivals
  - Using the barn for weddings, art shows, painting parties - to raise funds
  - Use of a tenant or caretaker to aid in maintenance and security

The committee adjourned its meeting with the B.O.S. at 7:17.

*Next meeting:*

*May 22nd, 2017 or May 23rd, 2017 (TBD).*

*In addition, June 13th, 2017 has been scheduled.*

Minutes Approved May 23, 2017