

Ingleside Utilization Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2017

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

Absent: Lucky Belcamino

Guests: Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh

Agenda

MINUTES:

1. Review minutes from June 26, 2017

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review action items from June 26, 2017

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduce guest - Dave Walsh
2. Property security discussion
3. Fall Festival Update
4. 2017 projects discussion
 - a. Entry way
 - b. Picnic area
 - c. Pond access
 - d. Trails
5. Member & volunteer recruiting
6. Discussion on fundraising
7. Other

ADJOURNMENT

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

Old business and minutes review is passed over to accommodate time restraints with Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair Dave Romanowski opened meeting by introducing Chief Walsh, who was invited to the meeting to discuss security needs of Ingleside and to make recommendations.
2. Chief Walsh began by recommending that the property have no public access after dark. He noted that walking paths leading into Ingleside are grown over, but that he is still

concerned with securing the buildings at Ingleside now that they're unoccupied. He said that Winchendon Police is now checking the buildings more often at night now; at least once a night, often more. He said that the two doors of the garage are open, but that the barn is secure.

Chief Walsh noted that the Town Manager Keith Hickey has allocated money in the Town budget for an alarm system in the buildings at Ingleside- he recommended an audible alarm with motion sensor lights as well. He also recommended putting up no trespassing signs similar to what is on bike path on the property- he instructed the committee that if there are no signs on the property, then trespassers can not be charged with trespassing, since there must be a public notice.

He also noted that opening up the property; getting more people on the property is a deterrent as well as clearing growth and increasing visibility, especially around the buildings.

He closed his remarks by saying that he hopes to meet with the committee again as the park develops.

3. Fall festival update passed over in meeting.
4. 2017 projects discussion: Chair Dave Romanowski passed out a series of recommendations that he will make to the Board of Selectmen on July 17, 2017.
 - a. Entry way: Dave informs committee that public works will not be able to do construction on the entryway this year because of lack of labor and funds. He noted that its director, Al Gallant, could help with the paperwork for the project.
 - b. Picnic area: Dave said that the first picnic area should be in the common area/roundabout in front of the barn. In the budget, he proposed a \$4,000.00 budget, and asked the committee if it should be less or more. Dave suggested soliciting local assistance. Jane suggested that tables could be name-plated by donors. Dave said that tables would cost \$300.00 each if not donated.
 - c. Pond access- passed over
 - d. Trails: Guy and Fran claimed that many of the trees on the walkways are far too big for volunteers to move. Jane responded by saying that some volunteers met throughout the committee's volunteer search have offered the use of their tools. Guy reminded the committee that any trees that need to be chopped down need to have a tree hearing.
5. Member and volunteer recruiting, passed over
6. Discussion on fundraising, passed over
7. Other:

Brian introduced a potential guest to attend a committee meeting- Anne Wilkins, the executive director of the North County Land Trust. NCLT works with land stewardship, conservation and

trail construction all over Worcester county. Brian made a motion to invite her to the July 24, 2017 meeting of the committee. Greg seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to invite her.

Jane also made a recommendation to invite Tracy Murphy, director of Winchendon Planning Dept. Greg seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to invite her.

In closing, committee approved meeting minutes from June 26, 2017 meeting with Guy abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

Action items:

- get no trespass signs at property; similar to bike path
- Talk with Keith Hickey about accessing funds in the budget for Ingleside security and the amount available for security cameras, motion lights, audible alarm
- Each member to suggest names as possible guests at future meetings

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Next meeting:

July 24, 2017 at Town Hall 4th Floor Conference Room

Minutes Approved July 24, 2017