

Ingleside Utilization Committee

August 27, 2018 Minutes

Present: Dave Romanowski, Dawn Bilodeau, Keith Bussiere, Jane LaPointe

Absent: Guy Corbosiero, Ken LaBrack, Marcia MacDonald

Guests: Rick Lucier, Dylan Romanowski

Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Administrative

Approve minutes: August 7 2018

Updates

Community Action Days August 11 and 25

Committee members briefly reviewed and commented on the Community Action Days. Turnout was lower than hoped for and yet much was accomplished

- August 11th - complete the clearing for the exit road that can be done by community members and to make this ready for the DPW
- August 25th – cleared the years of growth around the barn and removed buckthorn and saplings that were crowding the old trees in the driveway opposite the house and barn

We need to continue to work to find more effective ways to communicate and engage people in the creation of this Community Park

- Keith noted that lots of people are willing to help, if we know what we want – and ask.

Conservation Commission

Dave and Jane reported on the IUC's August 16th introductory meeting with the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission proposed that we start with two joint meetings: one at the WCP, to be followed, on another date, by a second meeting at the Town Hall. Included in this review and site visit will be the bridge and culvert on the Elm Street Path and the hole by the exit road that DPW would like to fill.

Agreed: Provide the Conservation Commission with the NQTA map and the consolidated notes for the ConCom from IUC walks of the trails.

Opening Day Preparation

GRIT Freedom Chair will not be participating in the Opening Day. Their involvement in the WCP is on hold while an area veteran and NQTA board member pursues having the MA VA authorize the Chair for qualified MA veterans.

Top priority is outreach and PR.

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- Marcia has designed and ordered the grouse pins
- Dawn will ask her neighbor to draft a flyer/poster
- Rick will post these - ASAP

The Opening Day job list was updated.

IUC and available volunteers will meet at the WCP on Thursday and Friday, September 6 and 7, at 5:30 p.m. to plan and set up for Opening Day

Other Discussions/Updates

Communication & Outreach

- There is a new WCP page on Facebook – created by Tony
- Eventually, there will be a WCP website with a link from the Town Website and IUC
- Questions have been raised with IUC members about the inclusion of posts on the IUC Facebook page about other Town business and activities, specifically the marijuana hearings.

Motion & Agreed by IUC vote:

- Ingleside and Winchendon Community Park Facebook postings can only be related to the Park. Other postings should be on appropriate Town sites and not on the IUC or WCP. Announcements not related to the WCP will be removed.

The IUC and WCP will need a process to review content, especially as we launch a new WCP Facebook page.

Questions were also raised about the posting of signs at the Park related to events, elections.

- Jane will draft for the IUC and policy on signs – set up and removal.

BOS Update August 20

- The BOS received a update on the many activities that have been underway with the WCP over the Summer. And, the BOS and community were informed about the upcoming Community Workdays and the September 8th Opening Day
- The BOS agreed that the IUC work with the Town Manager on a tenant/caretaker lease for the Park and on policies and approaches to better secure and manage access to the Park's barn.

Tenant/Caretaker Agreement

- Jane and Dave will work with the Town Manager

Trail & Park Stewardship

- IUC will recommend and promote a "Carry In ~ Carry Out" policy

Winchendon School Service Learning

- On September 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. approximately 15 students and 3 faculty from the School's Environmental Education Service Learning group will be at the WCP.
- The purpose of this day is to see what has happened at the Park over the Summer and to identify possible ways for this group to participate, over the school year, in the development of the Park.
- Dave, Jane and Rick will be with the students.

Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation

- Members of the Foundation will visit the WCP on Sunday, September 16 to be updated on progress regarding their 2018 grant award. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming priorities – Beyond Opening Day

September/October - Fall

- Focus on getting the Park property/buildings ready for winter: securing the barn and house, overall security at the park. Move picnic tables to garage
- Fall Festival, October 6th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Have a presence. Dave will secure a table. IUC to decide on how to use this opportunity (i.e. sign up to help, to receive newsletter; list of ways to get involved/help with IUC contact info; maps; pins
- Community Gardens. Identify location. If possible, rototill in preparation for a Spring launch

Winter 2018/2019

Organize, plan, prepare for Spring

- Trail stewardship plans and guidelines, including Buckthorn removal
- Make use of notes and examples on Google Docs
- Setting up a room in the barn for WCP related equipment, supplies, materials (transfer station sticker, volunteer tracking – hours and work, etc.)
- Community gardens
 - How to launch a successful/sustainable model
 - Who partner with: Winch Worms, Growing Places, etc.
 - Link to Healthy Local Food Access initiatives
 - Budget: fencing, hoses, etc
- Park Usage/Activities
 - To be informed and updated by a Plan and community input
 - ADA compliance/accessibility
- IUC organization

- Bylaws: for Committee (terms, participation, etc.) and for Park (usage, policies etc.)
 - Reorganize Committee
- Funding, grants, in-kind donations, etc.
 - Priorities and opportunities

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Next Meetings:

- **September 24, 5:30 p.m. – regular 4th Monday of each month**
- **To be scheduled: Joint meeting with Conservation Commission**

Approved: September 24, 2018