

The Delaney Planning Committee
Unofficial Minutes
October 8, 2018

Members in attendance:

Cathy Walker, Ellen Malona, Felix Reed, Tim Makepeace

Audience: Tammy Holcomb, Grace Larson, Fran Gilman

Meeting Called to order at 7:00PM.

Approving the September minutes was postponed until the Nov. 2018 meeting as there were only two people from that meeting in attendance.

There was no Treasurer's report this month.

Tim advised us that he had received a complaint about the visibility on the Delaney Cross Rd going to the parking lot for the Delaney Woods. The roadside has not been mowed this summer. He had called all of us on the committee and then had brought it to the select board so that they could have it cut. Tammy said that the selectmen were reluctant to do so because they did not want to infringe on the wetland rules. There was discussion about the status of the class 4 road, and the maintenance of it, as well as past precedent to mow the roadside. The committee would like to see it mowed. Tammy said she would take it back to the select board for reconsideration.

Grace Larson shared a story about how a new Wells resident had recently discovered the joys of the Delaney Woods, and what a joyful difference it made them and their children.

We talked about the need to access the Woods parking lot in the spring to see what improvements might be needed.

Turning to the Lakeside Park, Cathy brought the news that we had lost out on the grant because our shoreline permit had not been granted at the time of application. She was encouraged to reapply next year if the project had not been completed. She also had not been able to contact a possible donor. There was discussion on what was our next step to be. We reviewed our revenue, the project budget, and construction time table. Tim felt strongly that now was the time to start the first phase, site prep and getting the foundation in before winter. Everyone agreed. Tammy and Felix reminded us we need to put it out to bid, and the selectmen will make the final decisions. Tim will make sure the road crew and the gravel donation are all lined up. He will also deal with the contactors when it is time to spec the bids.

Cathy made the motion to start the process and get bids for phase one of the pavilion. Ellen seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

Cathy talked about possibly doing a fund-raising campaign for the pavilion. She suggested asking the town resident thru a letter, and her husband had volunteered to write it as he has many years experience with direct mail. There was discussion and in the end, it was decided to

mail 2 letters, one to residents and one to local businesses.

The discussion turned to new committee members and Felix introduced Fran Gilman to us. Fran spoke to us of his interest and work with the little lake, and many years in his second home on the little lake. He is also involved in the harvesting project on the lake. Felix told us Edgar Corey was also interested in being on the committee but could not attend tonight's meeting as he was needed at home. Felix spoke of Edgars long history of helping Wells thru his membership on various committees for the town. Tammy suggested that candidates for membership write letters of interest, stating why they would like to serve, and what they can bring to the committee. They should be addressed to the select board, and copies will be given to the Delaney committee, so that the committee can make recommendations to the board. Letter to be mailed to Delaney Committee c/o Nora Sargent. Town clerk.

Felix made a motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, Ellen seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this day, October 12, 2018 by Cathy Walker secretary.