

The Delaney Planning Committee
Unofficial Minutes
September 9, 2019

Members in attendance:

Felix Reed, Tracee Rupe, Cathy Walker, Tim Makepeace, race Larson, Fran Gilman

Meeting Called to order at 7:05PM.

July minutes were reviewed, Tracee made the motion to approve, Cathy seconded it, And it passed unanimously.

August minutes were reviewed, Tim made the motion to approve, Tracee seconded, and it passed unanimously.

No updates available for the Treasurers report.

Cathy reported that the grant decision is due mid-September, and she had not heard anything.

Tracee read from the Select Board's minutes stating that Felix and Fran would need a winch To remove the dock. She asked Felix about it. It seems they need a wrench – not a winch, and that Tim has the wrench. He will pass it along to them for the dock soon.

In the Woods – Slate valley Trails (SVT) is working on finishing the trail through the O'Brien's property that will connect to our trial system. Bill Alexander wrote to Tim proposing another trial in the Woods. They have an opportunity to apply for grant to funds 80% of the cost. He included a map of the proposed trail, called the Gray trail. This trail will be professionally built. This proposed trail begins not far into the woods, and traverses up and around the hill, connecting back into the loop trail at the top of the hill. Discussion ensued. The feeling was the SVT has done so much for the town and maintains the trails they created well. The new trail would not disturb the sensitive areas, an was originally laid out by Chris Stone, our county forester. Tim would tell Bill that the committee was fine with adding this trail, and that they will now need to speak to the Select Board about it.

At Lakeside Park the honeybees are still nesting in the milk house wall. To move them it looks like they will have to take off a few boards to get to the queen and hive. Tim will talk to Don about that, and also to Stew Dittmar to see if he is interested it gathering them for his hives.

There are grants available to repair and restore the milk house. Cathy says she'll look into applying, but not until late this fall.

There was talk about moving the location of the dock to the gravel area and boat launch.

There are lots of safety concerns about that. Folks fishing off the dock could easily hook a person while they are casting or leave hooks in the water that swimmer and boaters would step on. The current location could use a ramp for easier access. Felix and Tim decided that could make a ramp from a section of the old damaged dock that Felix still has. Felix, Fran, and Tim will look at it.

Grace asked about the building schedule for the pavilion, once we get the grant decision. It is unknown at this time. Much depends on how fast we and the select board will move to place ads and gather bids. And by what process it will be bid and built. There was discussion about the saving to the taxpayers of this town if we bid it in several parts, and not paying a general contractor a percentage of the whole project. The committee has proposed having the town road crew, on their personal time, do the site preparation, and we have a donation of all the gravel for the site work. Then we could bid out the cement work, the building, and the roofing separately, avoiding the general contractors' fees. The committee hope we might get the foundation in this fall.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn, Fran seconded it, and meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

There was no public to comment at this meeting.

Submitted this day, Sept. 12, 2019 by Cathy Walker secretary.