

Lebel's Grove Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2017

Present Members: Judi Lincicum, Tony Brooks, Tom Delaney, David McKenna,

Present Staff: Georgia Wilson, Karen Nelson, David Mountain, Nick Campion

Next Meeting:

June 12, 2017

1. Topics for Discussion

Status of Garages:

Committee discussed the options of demolishing or keeping the existing garages. David Mountain and Nick Campion from the Recreation Department provided feedback regarding the storage space that could potentially be used in the garages. The buildings are in need of repair and inspection – and having those results/recommendations will help the committee to make a decision. For now the Committee will continue to include the garages in the Long Term Passive Recreation Plan and on the bubble map in order to leave open options in the future. Staff will consult with the Building Inspector and Engineering to get a second opinion about the structural integrity of the garages and foreseen costs for repair.

Roadway/Parking Lot Material:

Tom Delaney discussed with Rick Rodgers, Town Engineer about the material used for the roadway and parking lot. It is recommended that the existing pavement that leads to the pavilion area be removed and replaced with stone dust material. The stone dust will require some maintenance and grading in the spring, and plowing won't be an issue as long as there is frost in the ground. The existing pavement in the parking area should be kept and receive a new top layer of pavement.

Bubble Map Draft:

Changes to the map included:

- Relocating and adding picnic tables
- Connecting handicapped trail to the large meadow ending loop
- Color coordinating landmark areas (Large Meadow, Garden Area, etc.)
- Labeling Ipswich River and Town Forest Connection

Long Term Passive Recreation Plan:

Committee will draft a narrative that will accompany the bubble map for State submission.

Detailed areas of discussion will include:

- Property Description
- Title History
- Drinking Water Supply Grant
- Lebel's Grove Committee
- Site Uses (Trails, Pavilion, Treehouse etc.)
- Natural Resource Education and Preservation
- Historical Preservation
- Accessibility
- Consulting Services

2. Updates

Discussion with the State re: Plan Review Process

The Committee will submit the Long Term Passive Recreation Plan and Bubble Map to the State for their initial review. This review will hopefully provide feedback on which uses are allowed and which are not. Once the Long Term Passive Recreation Plan finalized, we will prepare for submission.

3. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date will be Monday, June 12th.