

November 29, 2007

Beach Committee

Present: John Gillen, Mark Lyon, Ray Reich, Dean Sarjeant, Jaye Stuart, Mary Weber

Consultant: Dirk Sabin: Grounds Architect

Visitors: None

Guests: None

Chairman Ray Reich called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

The minutes of November 8 were approved unanimously.

Mark Lyon will be meeting with general as well as subcontractors this Friday. Paving is set for a first priority this spring. The intention is to be 'full go' for the first day of boating.

Mark Lyon will be addressing beach/cottage project in terms of the capital budget and thus every piece of the project may not be finished all at once. However, the plans must be all completed.

Dirk Sabin displayed his revisions based on the committee's recommendations at the last meeting. Either Dirk or Mark will set up a meeting with the State DOT to see if it would be amenable to allowing the parking stalls to be placed on the outer side of the parking area. Members discussed the angles of parking spots as well as the best way to address safety issues. The loading area will be configured to allow the offloading of kayaks and canoes but not motorboats.

Dirk is waiting for a return call to get a budget for the fences. He wants to look into what is available that might be less expensive than monumental steel.

The accessibility of the emergency boat was discussed. The fire department is satisfied as long as the boat is stored on its trailer and can be easily deployed elsewhere. There will be a gate that closes the storage area to people walking back and forth.

Dean Sarjeant agreed with Dirk that opening up one of the prettiest views in Connecticut versus what up to now looks like an old school yard will be an extra plus provided by the plans. Also, this aesthetic improvement does not add to the major costs.

Ray Reich will get a copy of the site plan to Dave Wilson, the town engineer. Dirk Sabin will do a color rendering of the plan and William Wooster will finalize the drawings of the building. The site will be staked out so people can look it over after the Beach Committee presents the building and site plans at a town meeting, projected for February, 2008.

The plan includes maintaining the lawn area square footage, improved parking, an upgraded building, accessible emergency boat storage, correction of erosion problems, and enhancement of the site's aesthetics.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Land Use Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran