

**Village Core Planning Group
Organizational Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2007
5:10 PM**

Attendees: Chairman John Hettinger, Marilyn Sanderson, Dennis Ducharme, Paul Kasianchuk, Brian McCarthy, Jay Polimeno, Joel Bourassa, Tom Adams, Rick Russack, Ted Sutton, Susan Chenard

Ted Sutton Started the meeting with a report on his assignments from the last meeting. Bill Gatsis is very interested, but couldn't make this meeting. He also mentioned a grant-writing workshop, which Marilyn Sanderson has agreed to do the writing of for us. She has already read up on this and will be working with Ted Sutton on this project. Mr. Sutton also met with Jared from the snowmobile club, and has marked the trails in orange on the large map. Mr. Sutton also checked out the trail at the edge of the proposed Rapids development, by the power substation and the Lodge at Lincoln Station. He felt this was a perfect road and grade for our project and it meets up with the right of way at the top of the river. Ted Sutton spoke with Jeff Alino as well today, and Mr. Alino will send his son, Chris Alino, (owner of Lin-Wood Plaza) to visit with Mr. Sutton or attend a meeting, as his schedule allows. Finally, Ted spoke with Paul Bartlett, co-owner of the Lincoln Center North, who was interested in finding out more about the parking. Everyone was very positive, but there was concern over the width of the road(s) to the parking lot, which may have to be single-lane one way.

This led to a discussion of the easements along the river by the Fairways and the Links. Dennis Ducharme wanted to clarify what is allowed where, such as are the easements only for maintenance purposes or general public use. Mr. Sutton said that the town has copies of the easements, so Mr. Ducharme offered to have his lawyers look them over to see if they are appropriate for what the group would like to do.

Tom Adams next explained his overlay map, where he had traced various paths. Solid lines represented existing trails, while dotted lines were used for proposed trails. Orange is used for snow mobile trails while green represents pedestrian/non-motorized vehicle trails. He also mentioned the growing demand for equestrian trails, which could run next to the pedestrian trail.

Marilyn Sanderson spoke next. First she mentioned that another group from the National Park Service wanted to help by offering technical assistance. She also mentioned that she and John Hettinger had walked the part of the path by the sewer lagoons that leads up to the Visitor's Center. It seemed to be easy going between the lagoons and river, but the connecting part up to Main Street has sharp rocks, as if exploded. There was some discussion of the fence proposed along the lagoons and by the bridge and train tracks, details of which will be explored further.

Ted Sutton mentioned that Jay Polimeno had called him about the historical value of combining these areas and melding our history of logging into it. Rick Russack, curator at

the local historical society, would potentially have available material. Mr. Polimeno envisioned a heritage museum or pavilion, combined with some displays of local artists' work. We could also have an Old Mill bike path with benches on wheels from the mill, and some kiosks along the paths. For example, there could be a kiosk where the old dam was located, with a picture and brief history on it. Dennis Ducharme commented that he had seen several along the Kancamagus at the rest stops. Rick Russack said that he had priced these recently, and had a quote for a 12x18 kiosk at \$150 if they designed it or a \$50 rebate if we designed it. Ted Sutton also described how he had seen parts of the old mine machinery displayed as art work on the streets of Park City, Utah. There was also a brief discussion on an old time capsule that had been buried about 75 years ago near the old Lincoln post office, but had never been found since. Historical significance is important to all people who might use the trail system, locals and visitors alike.

Dennis Ducharme next asked that the group create a wish list of what our goals are for the 18 acre lot and for the various paths. Historical significance could be on this list, for example.

Jay Polimeno asked Rick Russack about any grants that might be available for building kiosks and the museum in the park. Paul Kasianchuk said that Berlin has a Heritage Park, and they may know. Mr. Russack mentioned that Ways of the Woods was coming to Lincoln next July, and that he has some 4000-5000 pictures on hand already. Ted Sutton said that we should be able to create the beginnings of the wish list from the past and current meeting minutes. There were also suggestions of using the park as a focal point, and having signposts with distances to former mill building sites.

Mr. Sutton plans to meet with Alexis Jackson from the Forest Service on Thursday. She had worked with him on the Kancamagus Interpretive Trail, and could have some helpful information for ours.

Joel Bourassa mentioned that where the Nordic Inn is now, there used to be the old factory for clothespins, bobbins and heels, which could be another kiosk along the trail. Woodstock also had some mills, and they could be included in their section of the trail system. John Hettinger suggested that everyone bring in a list of descriptions of kiosk potentials for the next meeting.

Dennis Ducharme next asked about definitions for trails and was told that some trails would be snowmobile only, while others were to be limited to non-motorized activities like walking, snow-shoeing, cross-country and biking. Ted Sutton is still working with Ed Brisson regarding trails on the south side of the Pemigewasset River. On that side, one could do trails all the way from the Landing and Lincoln Woods to the east, then through Loon and Centex properties down to, and past, Cooper Memorial Bridge, towards the Woodstock proposed trail system. There was discussion that the trail should be paved (8 feet across) and that maybe in the core area old bricks from the mill could be used instead.

Joel Bourassa mentioned that the Centex/Loon Mountain path would be nice for horses, and Jay Polimeno thought it important that they be able to connect to the core area of

town. Marilyn Sanderson voiced her opinion that the horse trail should be next to the bike path/walking trail so as to prevent manure on the path.

Mr. Bourassa also mentioned that the train tracks behind Munce's lead right to Dennis Ducharme's properties, and wondered if the parking lot at the Riverfront Park could be used for snowmobile trailers. Mr. Ducharme felt that snowmobiles could use this area. He is in the planning stages for a lift from his hotel to the South Mountain lift, which could be another draw. So a larger parking lot, with a berm on one side from which to unload trailers, would be a welcome thing. This lot could be used for special events in the core area as well. Mr. Bourassa did mention that currently snowmobilers park at the Whale's Tail, and when Hobo Hills had used to allow them to park at the Hobo Hills, the parking lot could be filled with large SUV's with larger trailers.

The meeting concluded with a distribution of tasks. Ted Sutton will create a preliminary wish list from the minutes, find the easements that describe the type of easements already in place, talk to Centex about the south western portion of the trail, find the owners' names of the land down towards the Cox Farm, and talk to the Rapids developers and the Lodge at Lincoln Station (and NHEC?). Dennis Ducharme will bring information in on his legal easements. Jay Polimeno and Rick Russack will work on the Heritage idea. The next meeting was scheduled for September 11th, 2007.