

Kanc Recreation Area Public Input session
September 20, 2023
At the Kanc Recreation Area at 6:30 pm
Minutes

Lincoln BOS Members: Tamra Ham, Jack Daly, OJ Robinson.

Woodstock BOS Members: Charyl Reardon.

Town Staff Members: Carina Park, Lincoln Town Manager; Tara Tower, Recreation Director; and Bryanna Fairbrother, Program Coordinator.

Community Members: Stuart Anderson, Wayne Baltzer, Megan Woods, Charlene Boyle, Jim Boyle, Debbie Woodman, Mike Reardon, Rob Haase, Heather Krill, Geoff Krill, Jane Duguay, Alan Patterson, Doris Tetley, Kara Sellingham, Mark Sellingham, Kevin Bell, Carol Stevens, Vicky Martin, Drew Lindow, Mary-Lynn Delange, Wayne Colby, Aaron Loukes, Spencer Kelley, Kelsee Beaudin, Marcus Corey, Heidi Corey, Mike O'Connor, Deb O'Connor, Nicole Kelley, Jen Whitman, Jim Martin, Jon Ham.

Community Members present via Zoom: Jeanne Beaudin, and Mary Conn.

1) Opening and Welcome – Stuart welcomed the group and explained that with the age of the Kanc facility, it was decided to have this community input meeting to see what the future programming needs and then determine if the existing building should be renovated, expanded or have a new facility constructed.

2) Facility and Programming Needs Discussion –

i. Winter program discussion – These are the items that were brought up for discussion:

- Our current program schedule was reviewed.
- Add Fridays from 3-5 p.m. after completing the K-5 Lin-Wood Ski lessons.
- Add a Kanc Specific Afterschool Program to include transporting the participants to the Kanc.
- Focus on freestyle terrain as early in the season as possible to keep the 11-15-year-olds entertained.
- Have a pre-season meeting with our head snowmaker, ski team coach, freestyle coach, and Recreation Dept. staff to discuss the location of elements and get everyone on the same page.
- Focus on opening the entire slope first and, if needed, a box at the bottom.
- Improved snow guns for a faster opening
- Business plan: generate revenue in the off seasons with disc golf and mountain biking, replace rope tow to eliminate barriers for new participants.
- Revenue and skier visit numbers were reviewed. It was discussed that as the Lincoln-Woodstock Rec. Dept. operating budget is split by both towns, the second homeowners contribute a great deal, and this budget is not expected to break even.
- Try to stay open an additional weekend or two into April if conditions allow. If the tow line melts, participants could hike up if needed.
- Discussion on focusing on programming now and a building at a later time brought up the question: if we had more to offer and brought in more revenue, we could offset new facility expenses. This led to a discussion on whether we want to attract more people and whether the increase in revenue is worth losing our historic charm. Several people brought up past

experiences when advertising led to incidents of overcrowding. The community members in attendance seemed to agree that it was not worth it.

- Start with a mission or vision statement, while both Boards of Selectmen are supportive.

ii. Facility Needs:

- More bathrooms
- An efficient and appropriately located kitchen
- A covered pavilion for shade in the summer and an ice rink in winter.

iii. Other:

- Linwood Friends of Recreation was discussed as the winter event/fundraising organization for the Recreation Department. Donations that are given for a specific cause can be dedicated and expended for that cause.

3) Next Meetings: Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kanc Recreation Area.

4) The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Tower