

**Kanc Recreation Area Public Input session**  
**October 5, 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; Bryanna Fairbrother, Program Coordinator; Ryan Smith, Head of Kanc. Snowmaking and Grooming Operations.

**Community Members:** Stuart Anderson, John Conn, Mark Sellingham, Ken Mack, Tracy Shamberger-Proehl, Jay Duguay, Jane Duguay, Paul Beaudin, Nathan Jenkins, Aaron Loukes, Kelsee Beaudin, Think Truong, Jim Martin, Vicky Martin, Ken Mack.

**Community Members present via Zoom:** Mary Conn and Ryan Fairbrother.

**1) Opening and Welcome** – Stuart welcomed the group and explained that this is the second of a two-part community input with the age of the Kanc facility. It was decided to have this community input meeting to see what the future programming needs and

**2) Items that were brought up during the meeting:**

- A larger building is needed for more group use. Add a shelter outside.
- The building is dated and needs to be improved or upgraded.
- Offer ASP/Camp for vacation weeks & no school days.
- Kanc. property closed during summer camp hours – advertise better when the area is closed.
- Deck or patio with views to the playground and ski hill. Possibly covered to help with the weather.
- Add a timing room, have organized lockers, and add a tuning room. It was suggested that a shipping container could be made into lockers and a tuning room.
- Move the main door, start the deck after the doorway, and add 2 bathrooms above the existing set of bathrooms.
- Put the deck on top of the new pavilion.
- Outbuilding for storage.
- Water spigot on the outside of the building.
- Make improvements/ upgrades to the kitchen to make it operate more smoothly.
- Upgrade the concrete flooring to make it washable as well as look better.
- Improved AC units/mini splits.
- Suggested to rent or purchase a portable toilet trailer to help with bathroom shortage or build changing rooms instead of bathrooms.
- Jack up the building so that the snow level is not above the entry doors, and put utilities under the false floor.
- Due renovations in phases if the vision is easily broken down into pieces.
- The CIP for this building is \$40,000 for 2024.
- Pavilion structure - CIP is \$45,000 for 2023 – could get volunteer help to build it if it needs to be built this spring.
- Increase the amount for CIP or at Town Meeting if there is support.
- Kanc is great the way it is, maybe with more elbow room. Add 2 more bathrooms, add an addition to relocate the kitchen, and the pavilion outside of the kitchen access.
- Improve the upstairs layout and design. If we make the upstairs look better, then adults would like to hang out there, and we wouldn't have the supervision issues.

- Can we fix some of the items before we open before this ski season?
- Removing the woodstove was suggested, but it is needed for snowmaking staff.
- Better advertising of the available jobs would help fill staff shortages.
- Condensing jobs within the hut was discussed, but then it was suggested to have a volunteer man the candy window and the employee run the ticket sales and lunch prep.
- Summer camp makes money, where the ski season is largely tax-supported, was pointed out.
- Operational changes and how those are approved was discussed.
- The immediate needs are ADA Compliance, expanded space, and more bathrooms.
- Candy window discussion on location and how decisions are made.
- The chain of command was reviewed, with ideas or concerns going to Tara Tower, the Recreation Director, Carina Park, the Town Manager, and then the BOS.
- Discussion of the desire for an advisory committee and what they could legally do.
- Discussion on having four meetings each year to get public input vs. forming an advisory committee. It was suggested that the Friends of Rec. is that advisory branch.
- Concerns were expressed about asking people to join the Friends of Rec. year-round to try to advise for the winter season.
- Several pointed out that the Kanc is awesome the way that it is.
- It was presented that the advisory group would be to assist the recreation department with the unique running of the Kanc. Ski Area, and was not intended to be an attack.
- It was asked if quarterly meetings were to be held if they would be focused on programming or building needs.

Ryan presented where the Kanc has come in snowmaking in the 5 years he has worked for the Town. Everyone thanked Ryan for his hard work and Ken for his assistance.

Requested to stay open longer in the season. It was agreed that it would be conditions and skier visits dependent but would be considered. It was pointed out that the end-of-season date is always dependent on these conditions as well as staffing. It was suggested that maybe the last weekend or two lunches are not offered.

An additional community input meeting will be scheduled to review proposed operating procedures before they are finalized.

### **3) The Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Tower, Recreation Director