

Thu, Jan 6, 2011

Summary of Initial Meeting of Pinnacle Planning Committee

An informal meeting was held at the Hooksett library at 7PM. Attending were Alden Beauchemin, Kathie Northrup, James Walters, John Turbyne, and Mike Horne.

The group discussed/brainstormed how to go about "making" Pinnacle Park when the property becomes Town property.

There was agreement that the lead effort of planning, making and operational issues of Pinnacle Park should be done by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mike Horne, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, said he was willing to take the leader role initially to make sure things get started and are well planned. Then hopefully someone else will volunteer to take over the longer term detailed planning and execution to fully develop the park over a period of 2-5 years.

Notes captured at the meeting were:

1. Go slow and low key until the deed is fully processed and the land becomes Town property
2. Get one or more of the local residents on the team. A few names were discussed.
- 3 As soon as the property is the Town's, schedule a public hearing with invitations going to each abutter and residents in the Pinnacle St. subdivision.
4. Access to the Park should be off Pinnacle Street, across from Birch Hill Rd.
5. Immediately get cost estimates for a sign, design similar to the sign at Donati and rough estimate to put in gravel road and parking - lock in funding from recreation impact fees. (Mike Horne)
6. Prepare an article for Banner on the Pinnacle historic value for when it's the right time to release it (Kathie Northrup)
7. The next meeting should be in a couple of weeks, provided there's work to be accomplished vs. just having a meeting to meet.
8. The Town police should be involved for input
9. Assume hours of use would be like other Town parks and recreation areas (daylight hours only?)
10. Get more accurate survey information of property lines to determine exact property boundaries. (Alden Beauchemin)
11. Can more parking be provided across from Vista Dr if a trail going around Pinnacle Pond fits within property bounds?
12. Read "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers" by Henry David Thoreau

Minutes recorded by Mike Horne