

Kimball Pond Study Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2014

Present: Chris L., Ed K., Lee W., Heather M., Louise C., Carl G.

Absent: Jessica B., John W., Glenn S.

Meeting minutes approved as written. Meeting time adjusted to 6:15 p.m.

The committee did a quick recap of the presentation given to the Selectmen on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Heather for the power point presentation and to Chris for representing the committee. We will give the BOS an update at the beginning of April and continue to keep them apprised of our progress. They gave the committee no time limit in developing a master plan for the property in order to give us time to do a thorough examination.

Ed handed out quotes from O'Brien & Sons for a 24' X 36' shelter. Wooden shelter with 2" X 6" construction and multi-rib metal roof is \$20,920; steel shelter cost is \$18,400.

Jason & Chris have both gone down to the cabins to get a quick look but the snow has prohibited them from doing a thorough inspection and will be returning when the snow has melted enough to do so.

Ed had contacted 2 contractors from Sutton who have experience working with log cabins that have gone to do an inspection on the cabins and will be getting back to him shortly with an appraisal of what needs to be done. The goal is to have this information for our next meeting.

Lee will continue to work with John on laying out the boundary lines of the 70' X 70' bump out. They will also go to the conservation commission with a request for purchasing a lot line adjustment if this is what the committee decides would be the best option to resolve this issue. It was suggested that they contact Steve Gordon who is an attorney who frequently walks the trails and may be able to assist with writing the lot line adjustment.

Lee recommended that we wait to move forward with brush clearing along the shoreline until after the cabins have been brought back to a safe & sturdy condition, as they will become more visible from the roadway.

Louise had recently reviewed the Hopkinton Precinct Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes of May 5, 1978 where they listed their conditions of approval for the property transfer. Condition #5 states that all signs located on the Main Street must be removed. She was wondering if anyone knew one of the board members that signed the document so they could be asked if they may know what happened to the Horseshoe Trail Camp sign when it was taken down or who may have taken it down. Lee reviewed the names and only 1 member still lives in Hopkinton and he will try to make contact with Lee Marden to see what he may remember.

Chris wants the committee to starting developing a rough timeline for work to be done on the cabins and property, develop a plan of action and ways to raise funds to get the work accomplished. It is imperative that the committee gets the cost estimates as soon as possible so we can have the information needed to make logical decisions.

A date of June 15<sup>th</sup> was proposed to try to have the main cabin, (#1) available for use for the summer camp as they use this site especially on rainy days. We would like to shoot for a grand reopening sometime in the year 2015 to coincide with the town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

For the next meeting Chris has asked each committee member to list the work they see that needs to be done on the cabins and property then to prioritize as to what could be done now and what will need more time or funds to be raised. He would also like the committee to start thinking about ways to raise funds to build the gazebo and the construction materials needed for cabin repairs. Chris would like us to email our list to him prior to our next meeting so he can compile the information to present to our next meeting.

Outstanding items:

Chris – chimney lining inspection

Lee & John – lot line adjustment issue – ongoing

Lee – contact Lee Marden concerning the Horseshoe Trail Camp sign

Ed – cabin cost estimates needed ASAP

Heather – collecting Kimball Pond history – ongoing

All committee members – list prioritizing work to be done as they see it and fundraising ideas

Email to Chris prior to our next meeting

Next meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.