

Kimball Lake Cabin Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

Present: Heather M., Bob L., Lee W., Ed F., Carl G., Paula S., Jim S., Louise C.

Absent: Ricardo R., Ed K., Glen S., Chris B.,

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. at Kimball Lake Cabins.

Tarren Bailey, a new realtor for Knowlton Real Estate, was invited to the meeting as she is interested in doing some volunteer work at the cabins.

1. The November 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written.

2. Walk About

The meeting was held outside so the committee could recap what still needs to be done on cabin #3 and tasks we would like to accomplish this year on cabin #2.

Lee updated the committee that he & Louise met with Derek Owen & Dan Neville to get an estimate for the repairs and log replacement on cabin #2. Dan will get an approximate estimate to Louise in the near future.

Cabin #2 still needs a wooden handicap ramp, railings, finish the porch roof, remove the interior bathroom walls, and repair the bathroom floor where the toilets once were. The bathroom shower will not be removed because it was constructed with cement & wire mesh so shelving will be made to fit inside the shower unit to make it a usable space. Some of the chinking can be done on the upper walls that won't be affected when under construction.

Cabin #3 needs a 2nd coat of stain. There is some minor carpentry that needs to be completed on the inside.

3. Spring 2019 Clean-Up Day

Lee has been in communication with Barb Jenkins to see if the Kimball Cabin Crusaders from the Maple Street School would be interested in helping with the annual spring clean-up. On Saturday May 18th 10:00 – noon we will meet the group to assign duties and to assist with the tasks. Some tasks identified will have the students refill the wood bins in cabin #1, assist with brush cutting and possibly plant low bush blueberries if they are available. Lee will request from DPW to leave a dump truck to throw brush in. The committee will provide drinks and snacks.

4. Hopkinton Boy Scouts

Carl has not heard from the boy scouts since last fall so we don't know what decisions they have made regarding the Kimball cabin restoration work.

5. Lions Shoreline Platform

The Lions will complete the gravel handicap path to the parking lot. It was discussed moving the handicap parking spot to the end of the parking lot closest to the ramp. We want to preserve as much of the grassy area as possible since there is limited flat grassy areas.

6. Clivus

Lee updated the committee that Derek Owen contacted the clivus company to remove the clivus from cabin #2. The task has been almost completed. The committee will remove the bump out structure. Lee will contact PH Holmes to get an estimate on how much it will cost to bring in enough earth to fill in the sunken area and create a gradual slope on the hill.

7. Summer 2019 Events

Paula updated the committee that there will be a few new events at the Kimball Cabins this summer. Hilary Chapman from the Audubon Society will be giving a workshop for the 2nd grade class.

The Hopkinton Historical Society will be holding a walk on July 7th that will identify herbs and native plants that were used in early Native American culture.

Paula would like to bring back the haunted house to the Kimball Cabins. She will be reaching out to the senior class at the high school to see if they are interested in taking on the event.

Tarren would like to work with the Recreation Dept. on sponsoring a movie night at the cabins. They will continue to communicate about the event.

8. Cabin #4

Discussions continue on what the best usage for cabin #4. Should it be torn down, moved to another location on the property, converted into a pavilion or a new pavilion built on the same site. Louise had approached the Rotary Club President to see if they would consider taking on a project at the Kimball Cabins. It was suggested to first discuss potential ideas with Rotary members who may have volunteered at the cabins and have them make the initial request. The committee would follow up with a presentation at one of their meetings or invite them to the cabins for a tour and information session. Lee & Louise will reach out to 2 Rotary members.

9. Other

Louise will contact Dan at DPW to request that they regrade the road going into the cabins at their earliest convenience.

The hockey nets will be stored on the porch of cabin #4.

Paula will request from DPW if they could pick up the snow blower from the porch of cabin #2. There has been ongoing mechanical issues and she will ask the town mechanic if they could determine if the snow blower is worth fixing or should a newer one be purchased.

There has been a row boat left behind cabin #1 for over a year. No one has claimed the boat and it has not been used so Paula will ask DPW to remove it. Personal boats are not allowed to be left on the premises.

Paula mentioned she has a teen volunteer who will be painting the picnic tables for the playground area. There was some discussion of maybe having the volunteer paint the picnic tables that are located at Kimball Lake Cabins.

Tarren offered to assist with fundraising events at the cabins. She is also a photographer and is willing to take pictures as needed.

Bob will contact the state nursery in Boscawen to see if low bush blueberries are available for volunteers to plant along the river bank as part of our shoreline restoration in a conservation area. This will give wildlife and people the opportunity to eat the berries and they are native to the area.

First work session will be May 15th 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Louise Carr