

Kimball Lake Cabins Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018

Present: Carl G., Jim S., Ricardo R., Charles H., Ed F., Bob L., Lee W., Louise C.,
Absent: Paula S., Heather M., Ed K.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Lee Wilder.

September 4, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Carl was contacted by Scott Behner of Boy Scout Troop #77 concerning cabin #4 that the scouts used to use in past years. Carl invited him to attend our Nov. 19th meeting to propose their plans for possible usage of the cabin again. The troop have contacted local construction companies and businesses to help them with the major repairs needed on cabin #4. They realize there is extensive work that needs to be done and they are going to do their own fundraising for any related expenses. Lee informed him that money had already been donated for the metal roofing. They currently use the main cabin (#1) to hold meetings and outings. The purpose of renovating cabin #4 would be to store general supplies, hold meetings, closer to the fire pit that they use on occasion and to hold outdoor activities.

Bob mentioned that the committee was considering using that area for a pavilion like structure as it was a level area and ideal location because to the view of the river. The committee was thinking of evaluating this idea come spring. It was mentioned that they could possibly use cabin #3 as the repairs are almost completed. Scott will discuss this option with the troop and get back to us at a later date.

The Lions Club shoreline platform has been completed and a Lions plaque has been installed. A picture of the platform was posted on Facebook and within a short period of time had already received over 1,000 hits on Facebook. The platform is used quite often by people fishing or just sitting reading or taking in the view. Thank you, Lions Club, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Kimball Lake Recreation area.

Lee gave the committee a progress report on what has been completed to date. Cabin #2 roof was completed and thanked all who put in the extra days and hours to get the job done before winter set in. The porch roof front support beam was replaced with a log milled to the correct dimensions by Herrick Millworks. Lee used his band saw to cut the logs into the boards needed to replace the floor boards. Other support posts were straightened or added as needed to give structural support.

Cabin #3 will need a second coat of stain in the spring and has minor interior work to complete.

The new Kimball Lake Recreation Area sign was installed recently and it looks great. Morgan has to install the solar panel and wiring needed to light the sign. Lee did check with town administrator to verify that the sign is covered under the town's insurance. It was mentioned due to the location of the sign that it may sustain damage by plows throwing slush onto the sign. This will have to be watched as the winter progresses. Once the electrical work is completed and the trench is filled Lee will speak with Marie to discuss options for landscaping the area.

Louise reported that the 2nd annual Kimball Lake BBQ netted \$1,087 in profits. Due to a new annual flea market at the fairgrounds an earlier date will be considered.

The rocks in parking lot that had been moved closer to the parking area to give more usable space on the grassy area were moved back by DPW because of plowing concerns. Some of the committee members will meet with DPW next summer to work out a compromise. The port-a-john that was moved to make it

easier to use during the winter months also needed to be moved. DPW will place it where they want it to make plowing easier. Future discussions will need to be had with DPW to avoid conflicts.

Lee will be in contact with Derek Owen to see if he wants the clivus that he installed years ago in cabin #2. The committee wants to remove the clivus due to ongoing maintenance problems. Once removed the committee will remove the interior stall walls, make repairs to the floor and bring in dirt to fill in the low area where the clean out access is currently.

Lee mentioned getting new name plates for the donor plaque to thank Herrick Mill Works for his milling and donating the 5"X 5" beam needed for the porch of cabin #2 and for Old Yankee Tree Service for discounting his services on tree removal and donating logs needed for cabin repairs. The committee agreed and Louise will bring the plates in to Saymore to have them engraved.

Paula was not able to attend the meeting so she gave Lee a list of events that had been planned to date for winter activities at the Kimball Cabins. Cleve, from the Conservation Commission, will lead the 1st day hike and the recreation dept. will provide the refreshments. Three skating events will be held sometime in January and February with dates to be announced around the ice conditions. Paula did find someone to hire who will clear the ice as needed. She is looking for an ATV with a plow attachment that will do a better job of clearing the ice.

Some expressed frustration at the lack of acknowledgement from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Lions Club donation of the platform or hard work completed by cabin member volunteers. It was suggested that we organize a community gathering with refreshments and invite the Board of Selectmen to come. We want the community to know that the Kimball Lake Recreational area is available for their use and that the work is being done with donations and volunteer hours.

Jim S. discussed with the committee the possibility of having a pumped well installed somewhere close to the cabins to provide drinking water. Tapping into the present well that is on the property that feeds the privately-owned cabin was discussed as well as other options. Ideally a water fountain with a tap for filling buckets would be all that is needed. It was requested that Jim look into various options and costs of installing some sort of a watering system. Ricardo volunteered to ask a relative who owns a well drilling company what the costs would be to drill a 30' well.

Bob would like to organize some limb cutting on a warm day if possible, this year. In the spring blueberry bushes could be planted to help with the undergrowth. This could become a community project soliciting volunteers and donations to purchase the blueberry bushes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled on a as needed basis.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Carr

Secretary KLCC