

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 06, 2012

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins,

Others Attending: Granite Lake Association: Lynn Angle, Sally Ripley, Angel Nicoletti, Tom Newcombe, and Halliday Pipeline Co.: Mike Halliday and Rick Wheaton

Location: Granite Lake Boat Ramp and Nelson Town Offices

Attendees: Nelson Select Board: Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Dave Upton
Granite Lake Association: Lynn Angle, Sally Ripley, Angel Nicoletti, Tom Newcombe
Halliday Pipeline Co.: Mike Halliday and Rick Wheaton

Dave Upton called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 9 am. Dave outlined the steps involved in the development of a project to improve the safety and facility of the Granite Lake Boat Ramp. These steps would be 1. Needs Assessment, 2. Concept Design, 3. Budget Development and Approval, 4. Detail Design, 5. DES Approval and 6. Contracting and Construction. Dave also reported that he had been in contact with Jeff King, the NH Fish and Game Boat Ramp Coordinator and learned that the Granite Lake Ramp is actually owned by the State of NH but that the responsibility for its maintenance falls to the Town of Nelson. Dave will follow up with Jeff to get copies of the applicable deeds and statues.

Susan highlighted the findings and recommendations of our Safety Adviser from the LGC, Ron O'Keefe, that resulted from his inspection of the ramp earlier this Fall. These included improving the flatness of the ramp surface, improving the content and location of the instruction and warning signs and restricting parking on the ramp surface.

Mike Halliday then presented his recommendations for design improvements for the ramp. The goals of the design are to 1. better control ground water run-off, 2. smooth the ramp surface, 3. extend the ramp surface further into the lake, and 4. restrict the boat launching area to the East side of ramp and parking area to the West side.

After a brief review of the conditions of the site, Dave Upton recessed the meeting at 9:30 am and announced that the meeting would reconvene in the Town Offices as soon as everyone could move to that location. With everyone present at the Town Offices, Dave reconvened the meeting at 9:45 am.

Tom Newcombe presented the Select Board with a copy of the Watershed Study that had been conducted by the Granite Lake Association. This study recommends methods for maintaining the water quality of Granite Lake.

Mike Halliday then presented a sketch that he had developed showing concepts for controlling ground water run-off and extending the ramp surface. Discussion related to Mike's sketch ensued. Mike then offered to provide a more complete design drawing and an estimated budget for the project. The motion by Maury, seconded by Susan that the Town ask the Halliday Pipeline Company to develop a proposal and a budget, at no cost to the Town, for improvements to the Granite Lake Boat Ramp, and the Fire Station driveway and associated road drainage. This motion carried by unanimous vote of the Select Board.

Finally, there was a brief discussion of how to best control swimming at the boat ramp. The general consensus was that swimming was not to be encouraged at the boat ramp and that appropriate warning signage should be in place advising of the lack of a life guard service and the dangers of boat traffic.

A motion by Maury, seconded by Susan to adjourn the meeting was made and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel