

Town of Greensboro

Willey Beach Committee Minutes

September 9, 2014

Present at the meeting: Bridget Collier, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Peter Romans, Ed O’Leary (LWCF Grant Administrator), Valdine Hall, Rick Walsh, Kathy Unser, Kim Greaves, Bill and Jeanne Eisner, Julie Brochu

1. Meeting called to order: 5:00 p.m.
2. Additions to agenda: Ed O’Leary, the Grant Administrator from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) joined the meeting to add his expertise and answer questions. The group walked through the property. Mr. O’Leary gave us a copy of New Hampshire’s “Responsibilities of the Grant Recipient” (attached) for LWCF projects since Vermont does not have these guidelines. The Grant Administrator said that any type of recreation on the parcel that was compatible with water quality regulations (in this case Greensboro Zoning Regulations) was allowable. He mentioned that ice fishing access was possible and agreed that minimal development of current paths was permissible as long as there was accessibility to part of the property for those with disabilities. He said that picnic tables, a swimming area, horseshoe pits or volleyball were all acceptable in addition to almost any other recreational activity. He said that the parking must all be for people using the recreation area. He said that he could not specify a number or an area of the lot to be used; this was a matter for town government to decide.
3. Public comment: Several people present said that they hadn’t realized this property was available to the public and expressed interest in and suggestions for the sorts of activities that might be

available including use of kayaks, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and other sports.

The meeting moved to the Greensboro Town Offices, so that Mr. O’Leary could look at the sign that has been built for the Willey Beach property. He said that it was the nicest sign he had ever seen for such a project and met the grant requirements. He said that it should be installed immediately. He also suggested that it be installed as close to the road as possible so that it would be visible to passers-by.

Naomi said that she felt the sign shouldn’t have the word beach on it since it might be misleading to the public.

4. Develop alternative Willey Beach Plan: the meeting continued with a discussion between board members about what should be presented to the selectboard. Bridget said that she intended to present the minority plan the board as adjusted for the information from Mr. O’Leary and asked if the majority intended to alter their proposal. Naomi felt that there should be more discussion and that the selectboard should have had a more extensive discussion at their last meeting. After going over the various viewpoints on the parking plans a number of times, everyone agreed that the two proposals were not going to change and the meeting adjourned
5. Adjournment: 6:12 p.m.