

**Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee  
May 13, 2008, Newbury Town Hall**

Members present:

Commissioner Bald, Chairman  
Don Kent, Div F&L  
Nancy Marashio, SPNHF  
Gordon Marshall, LSPA

Christine Walker, UVLSRPC  
Michael Walls, DES  
Daniel Wolf, Town of Newbury  
(also Torene Tango-Lowy, clerk)

Others present:

Jay Gamble, Mount Sunapee Resort (MSR)  
Several members of the public

Commissioner Bald called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes Mr. Marshall offered an amendment to the 05/29/07 minutes, correcting the start time to 2 p.m. He MOTIONED to accept the minutes, as amended. Mr. Kent SECONDED; motion CARRIES.

New business As there was no old business, Commissioner Bald asked Jay Gamble to present the 2008 Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Mr. Gamble stated that the AOP includes the Emergency Action Plan, as requested by DES. MSR had a good year with 280,000 skier visits during the 2007-2008 operating season of 150 days.

For 2008-2009, MSR is planning to open on November 28 and close on April 12, unless weather permits otherwise. A surface lift may be added to the Learn to Ski area. Snowmaking has averaged 670 hours per season. There is little change in Section E, Maintenance procedures; additional information is being provided as requested by DES. Mr. Marshall asked about the fuel storage tanks monitoring systems. Mr. Gamble said it monitors for leaks. The Emergency Action Plan, inserted into the AOP as appendix A, was developed with input from local town officials.

Section H lists the Special Use Permits and leases. Ms. Marashio asked about the proposed Real Estate Sales lease. Mr. Gamble answered that the lease may be issued to Okemo or a local agent. As stated in Section J, MSR is now using bio-diesel fuels. Mr. Gamble addressed Asst. Commissioner Walls' inquiry: there were no major problems in switching to bio-diesel; and although more expensive, MSR anticipates long-term savings. MSR is purchasing wind energy equivalent to 100% of its total annual electrical needs. Mr. Gamble answered Ms. Marashio's question about the spray fields. MSR will begin the DES permitting process; the increased spray fields are necessary to ensure that the lagoons are empty by Nov. 1.

MSR anticipates 2008 capital and maintenance spending of approximately \$500,000, ±\$100K as it finalizes its project schedule. MSR is looking to replace snowmaking pipes, especially for South Peak; and the construction of two ski trails near Upper Ridge and a gladed trail on South Peak.

Mount Sunapee Resort update Mr. Gamble reiterated that the 2007-2008 ski season was a good one, with 280K skier visits being their best so far. MSR has averaged 250K skier visits over the past five years. Thanksgiving is a week later in 2008 and opening will be dependent on snow conditions.

Members had no other comments on the AOP. Commissioner Bald asked that committee members send any comments on the AOP to him by May 27. He will respond to MSR by June 30. Ms. Marashio asked about the relocation of the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA) building. Commissioner said that he will ask Director McLean to provide an update. Ms. Marashio asked about the current lawsuit between the State and Okemo. Commissioner said he could not comment on the matter.

Commissioner opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting is at the call of the chairman.

*Submitted by T. Tango-Lowy.*