

## **Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee Meeting**

**July 13, 2004**

**Mount Sunapee Resort – Spruce Lodge**

**Committee Members in attendance:** Commissioner Sean O’Kane (Chairman), Melanie Bell-Harrington for Town of Goshen, Lionel Chute for F&L, Terry Dancy, Jack Diemar, Tim Drew for DES, Allison McLean for P&R, Nancy Marashio, Phil O’Brien, and Dan Wolf.

**Mount Sunapee Resort staff in attendance:** Tim Mueller and Jay Gamble.

**DRED staff in attendance:** Torene Tango-Lowy.

**Welcome and Introductions** Commissioner O’Kane called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Committee members introduced themselves.

**Minutes** Nancy Marashio motioned to accept the June 8, 2004 minutes, as amended. Terry Dancy seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

**Old Business** Commissioner O’Kane reported that he is awaiting Governor Benson’s reply to DRED’s request dated June 21 to continue the Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee and to approve the new appointments.

Commissioner O’Kane announced the date of the DRED-UVLSRPC public hearing on the Master Development Plan as August 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Resort. Commissioner O’Kane apologized on behalf of DRED to the UVLSRPC for not coordinating with them on the date. Terry Dancy referred to UVLSRPC letter dated June 15, 2004, reiterating the importance of public perception that the review process is fair.

Nancy Marashio asked when the Committee members can comment on a review criteria. Commissioner O’Kane suggested that the review criteria may be outside DRED and the Committee, to include such planning concepts as “Smart Growth.” He also stated that Mount Sunapee State Park is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property developed under the federal grant program. Under Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act, such properties are protected for outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Substantive changes proposed to any LWCF funded project may involve review to ensure compliance under Section 6(f). LWCF compliance review is conducted by the: a) National Park Service; b) State LWCF Liaison Officer; c) State Historic Preservation Officer; d) Environmental Assessment; e) and Intergovernmental review by agencies determined by the Office of Energy and Planning. Commissioner O’Kane has asked DOT to comment on the MDP and has asked Lionel Chute to conduct a Natural Heritage inventory of the 175 acres.

**New Business** Jay Gamble presented the design of the Alpine Race Hut. The replacement of the yurt was approved by DRED as part of the 2004 Annual Operating Plan. During design, the Resort found that the sprung-structures did not aesthetically fit the park setting. An architect from O’Neil Pennoyer Architects volunteered a design for a permanent 1,790s.f. warming hut. The design requires final approval from the Town of Newbury Planning Board. The building will not have plumbing.

**Resort Update** Jay reported that the Resort is preparing for the annual NH Craftmen’s Fair with a four-week set up and the event scheduled for August 7-15. The average attendance over the past six years has been 30,000-34,000 people and about 200 vendors.

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Jay responded to Committee questions: a) parking lot #4 will be done in 2005 and b) the lift near Polygon 23 is not a high priority and will not likely be constructed next year. Jay reviewed the improvements that have been made over the years within the ski area.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

**The DRED-UVLSRPC public hearing on the Master Development Plan is scheduled for August 26, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Sunapee Resort.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at Mount Sunapee Resort.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Torene Tango-Lowy; Approved by MSAC on 10/26/04.*