

**Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 29, 2007 at Newbury Town Hall**

**Committee members present:**

DRED Commissioner George Bald, Committee Chairman  
Peter Dzewaltowski for Tara Bamford, Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee RPC  
Lionel Chute, Division of Forests and Lands designee  
Tim Drew, Dept of Environmental Services  
Gordon Marshall, Lake Sunapee Protective Association  
Allison McLean, Division of Parks and Recreation  
Dan Wolf, Town of Newbury

**Members absent:**

Melanie Bell-Harrington, Town of Goshen  
Jack Diemar, New London-Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce  
Nancy Marashio, Society for the Protection of NH Forests (excused)

**Mount Sunapee Resort present:** Jay Gamble, Vice President

**DRED staff present:** Torene Tango-Lowy, Committee clerk

**Welcome and Introductions** Commissioner Bald called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves.

**Minutes** Mr. Gamble clarified his statement regarding the natural heritage study. Mr. Marshall motioned to accept the minutes of April 11, 2006 as amended. Mr. Wolf seconded. Motion carries with one abstention.

**Old Business** There was no old business.

**New Business** Commissioner Bald asked Mr. Gamble to present Mount Sunapee Resort's Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2007. Mr. Gamble provided an overview of the AOP. Skier visits for the 2006-2007 season was 230,000 with an operations schedule from December 6-April 22.

The Resort is considering adding snow tubing. There are no changes to the Special Use Permits. They are considering a contract for providing temporary boat storage (40-50 boats) in parking lots 2 or 3 during the summer and are restating their consideration to contract for resort real estate marketing and sales services.

The Resort proposes capital and maintenance spending for 2007 estimated at \$340,000, mostly for maintenance of existing facilities and equipment and inventories. A hiking/nature/interpretive trail around the perimeter of the base area is also being proposed. The trail is a joint effort with DRED, NH Wildlife, LSPA and Colby Sawyer College.

Commissioner Bald asked Committee members if they had any questions. Mr. Wolf asked about the boat storage. Mr. Gamble said he had been approached by local business to provide

intermediate assistance to commercial boat storage facilities and convenience to summer visitors as a dropoff/pickup facility for boats.

Mr. Wolf said that the real estate services proposal had been proposed before and that there had been a similar service provided at the ski area by the local chamber of commerce. Mr. Gamble stated that the previous request had not been approved nor denied by DRED.

Mr. Chute thought the proposed perimeter trail would be a good opportunity for environmental outreach, including topics on watershed, habitat and old growth forests. He encouraged the Resort to also coordinate its efforts with NHF&G and Natural Heritage Bureau.

Mr. Drew stated that the Resort is in compliance with DES regulations. Commissioner Bald requested members to review the AOP and provide any comments to him in two weeks.

**Mount Sunapee Resort Update** Mr. Gamble briefed the Committee on the 2006-2007 ski season. Overall, revenue ended slight up but slightly below average with a difficult season start.

Mr. Chute asked Mr. Gamble about global climate change. Mr. Gamble reviewed the environmental conservation measures the Resort is taking, including reductions in consumption and purchases from renewable sources, such as wind energy.

**Next Meeting Date** Commissioner Bald thanked the Town of Newbury for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

**Public Comment** Commissioner Bald opened the floor to public comment.

Rep McMahan expressed concern about competition with local businesses for boat storage. Mr. Gamble responded that the Resort does not wish to compete, but was approached by local business to provide the service. Director McLean mentioned that the seacoast parks provide boat storage and that the fee structure is approved by legislature. Rep McMahan was concerned about increased numbers of boats launched from the state beach. Commissioner Bald said it is an existing use, but is restricted by the constraints of the launch.

Rep McMahan expressed concern about the real estate service. Mr. Wolf said that such a service was once provided at the park by the local Chamber.

There were no other public comments. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by T. Tango-Lowy.*