

Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee Meeting *(Approved on 06/11/13)*
February 14, 2012 at Newbury Town Offices

Committee members present:

Melanie Bell, Town of Goshen
Director Phil Bryce, Division of Parks and Recreation
Tim Drew, Dept of Environmental Services
June Fichter, Lake Sunapee Protective Association
Don Kent, Division of Forests and Lands designee
Nancy Marashio, Society for the Protection of NH Forests
Christine Walker, UVLSRPC
Dan Wolf, Town of Newbury

Members absent:

Commissioner George Bald, Chairman
Jen Tockman, Chamber of Commerce

Others present: Jay Gamble, General Manager/Mount Sunapee Resort (MSR); Jolyon Johnson; Torene Tango-Lowy, Committee clerk.

Welcome and Introductions. Director Bryce extended Commissioner Bald's apologies that a scheduling conflict prevented his attendance; but asked Director Bryce to facilitate the meeting. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Acceptance of minutes. Mr. Wolf made grammatical revisions to the May 24, 2011 minutes, and motioned for acceptance. Mr. Drew seconded; motion adopted with two abstentions.

Old Business. There was no old business.

New Business. Mr. Gamble presented the Annual Operating Plan 2012-2013, and Summer Recreational Program Proposal. Mr. Gamble discussed the details of the proposed summer activities: a) Canopy Tour/Zip Line; b) Treetop Adventure Park; c) Mountain Bike Trails; d) Disc Golf; e) Interpretive Hiking Trails; f) Segway Tours; and g) Miniature Golf. The activities are designed to fit within the natural setting and character of Mount Sunapee ski area, and provide a range of price points, age group and skill set options, for a 3-4 hours length of stay. MSR will construct in phases, with the Canopy Tour and Treetop Adventure Park scheduled in 2012. Summer activities are expected to fulfill 10% of the ski area's capacity. Rates will be competitive with industry standards.

Mr. Gamble answered questions from the committee. Restrooms in the Spruce Lodge are open seven days per week from Memorial Day through Columbus Day weekends. Mountain Muckers Endurance Challenge is a newly added event (p.10). MSR anticipates a mid-April winter season closing, but weather has been a challenge this year. Mr. Gamble discussed snowmaking and water usage operations. MSR is working with DRED to renew its permits (p.23); and they listed their operating and liability agreement with NEHSA (p.24). MSR will renew its DES permit to operate the lagoons and spray fields in 2014, and will renew its efforts for spray field expansion during that permit process. MSR is renting diesel air compressors, as three of the four stationary compressors are no longer in service (p.28). The new fuel storage facilities are in full compliance, replacing the two underground, single-wall storage tanks at the Service Shop (p.30). Phone system upgrades were made (p.33). The air-conditioning in the Sunapee Lodge has been

postponed, as the fuel storage facility project was a priority (p.34, see note). MSR estimates \$700,000 towards new capital and capital maintenance projects over the summer 2012.

MSR is scheduled to present its Summer Recreational Program Proposal before the Towns of Newbury and Goshen on Feb 21 and Feb 28, respectively, with a May 1 construction start. They anticipate opening the Canopy Tour and Treetop Adventure attractions in June and July.

Mount Sunapee Resort Update. Mr. Gamble briefed the committee on the current winter season, which is down due to the mild winter. The 2010-2011 winter season brought 288,000 skier visits, with great winter conditions.

Director Bryce asked the committee members to send any other comments to Commissioner Bald by March 10, 2012. Please also copy the Director with your comments.

Next Meeting is at the call of the Chairman.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by T. Tango-Lowy.