

Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission
Special Meeting Minutes // June 13, 2022 // 10 AM @ Park HQ

CMAC Chairman Terry Penner called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Introductions

CMAC members present were... Terry Penner (Chair), Frank MacConnell (Vice Chair), Representative Joyce Weston, State Treasurer Monica Mezzapelle, Richard McLeod, Sherriff's Deputy Jon Tholl, and Thad Presby. CMAC members absent were... (former Senator / new Deputy Secretary of State) Erin Hennessey, Senator William Gannon, and Representative Michael Gunski. The non-CMAC member in attendance was FNSP-Cannon General Manager John DeVivo (acting as meeting steward and scribe).

Updates

DeVivo gave a brief update on ongoing summer operations and the challenges with staffing shortages.

DeVivo and State Treasurer Mezzapelle briefly detailed the status of the Cannon Mountain Capital Improvement Fund (CMCIF). DeVivo had spoken with DNCR Chief of Administration Chris Marino, and Mezzapelle with Deputy State Treasurer Rachel Miller.

- The fund takes into account the \$1.2M recommended and approved at all applicable levels (over the last several meeting cycles) toward the prospective summit septic project.
- The fund takes into account the \$400K recommended and approved toward the planned Fall 2022 track cable relocation at the Aerial Tramway (still awaiting Doppelmayer specs).
- The fund shows availability for the prospective ("Not to exceed \$450K) recommendation to Commissioner Stewart for the three projects to be discussed.

DeVivo detailed his morning conversation with (Marino) regarding Cannon's rolling fund balance. Entering FY22, the balance was in excess of \$900K, and Cannon went to the Fiscal Committee in October for permission to pull \$660K to cover previously unbudgeted FY22 expenses, which was granted. Cannon's fall-winter-spring season(s) went well, and that \$660K was more than covered during FY22; the ski area is expected to (at minimum) cover that \$660K reduction, and is expected to show an existing balance of at least \$1M net positive (or greater) at the close of FY22.

Capital Project Discussion (\$450K)

DeVivo detailed the following projects and termed them "imminent needs."

- \$300K to cover snowmaking water pipe replacement on the "Avalanche" and "Brookside" trails, and repairs to certain sections of the snowmaking "main water line" across the primary base area, with any dollar amount under the \$300K to be allocated toward HKD Viper or HKD Phazer portable Low-E guns and water/air hydrants, all of which are needed to gain more speed and flexibility of movement from trail to trail, given recent weather and staffing patterns. **Prospective timeframe – Fall 2022**
- \$125K to replace the grip assemblies on the Cannonball Quad Chairlift.
Prospective timeframe – Fall 2022 / Spring 2023
- \$25K to replace the current boiler system at Peabody Lodge; dual system currently, one system is nearing failure, the second is the same vintage. Project will replace both, either with same size systems or one larger system.
Prospective timeframe – Fall 2022

CMAC Recommendation

Chairman Penner asked for a motion to recommend (to DNCR Commissioner Stewart) an expenditure (not to exceed \$450K) in CMCIF funds to cover the project list as laid out by DeVivo. Sherriff's Deputy Jon Tholl made the motion and it was seconded by Thad Presby. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

Other Business

A general discussion was had regarding the ongoing discussion of the Aerial Tramway replacement. DeVivo mentioned that he's been told that the discussion is still actively being held between (the Governor and Governor's Office, NH Legislature leadership, and DNCR / NH Parks leadership), relative to the funding source(s) for the project, and that there's no definitive answer as of yet. The Governor may yet choose to seek ARPA funding, but has indicated more of an inclination at this point to go the legislative route. Chairman Penner indicated a desire to reach out within the near future to (either Commissioner Stewart or Deputy Secretary of State Hennessey) for further detail and clarification.

Adjournment

Chairman Penner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank MacConnell made the motion and it was seconded by Sherriff's Deputy Tholl. The motion passed unanimously and Chairman Penner adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM