

10/29 Presentation and Exercise Notes

Imagine that it is 2031 and you're reading a newspaper article about the amazing experience of the Mount Washington summit and the work of the Mount Washington Commission.

What's the headline?

- Invite all 6th graders for a free trip
- New facility completed
- Seamless visitors experience
- Exceptional accessibility
- Yankee building revamped
- Another successful season
- Incredible facility and experience to rival the view
- Fun for all and a plan for the summit
- State unveils new facility
- Mutually supported goals for summit
- Hard work!
- Timeless historical experience
- Year-round facilities
- Visitor experience and sustainability
- State gives 500 acres of new land for excellent collaboration
- #1 visitor experience by the Cog, Auto Road, the State, and the Observatory
- Reducing footprint, sustainable blog
- Broad public access

How did you work together to achieve these goals? How would you describe your cooperation?

- Remain open throughout winter
- Remain closed throughout winter
- Secure funding
- Increase variety of available activities
- Get broader involvement
- Define what “facilities” means, and then decide what to do for facilities
- Find common ground
- Subcommittees + focus groups
- Get structured process, look at existing charter
- Mutual respect & trust & interests for summit
- Re: master plan,
 - improve facilities,
 - become a team,
 - leave controversy behind,
 - get additional funding,
 - learn to like each other,
 - get a mediator
- Ground (summit activities) on visitor input, take surveys and get more public engagement
- Focus on smaller wins before trying to move on to larger ones

What could get in the way of achieving these goals?

- Status quo
- Lack of willingness to share and transparency
- Public outreach
- Differing views
- Funding and finances
- Safety
- Disagreements
- Lack of collaboration
- Not recognizing rights (suggested ways to reconcile and modify rights)
- Conflict between us
- Not compromising
- Not enough time to resolve matters
- Narrow-mindedness
- Looking back, not forward
- Conversation on back-burner

What could we do to overcome these obstacles?

- Social media outreach
- House and senate visit to mountain and info session + experiences package (the Cog, Auto Road, Hike)
- Subcommittee on strategic planning
- Bi-monthly meetings
- Separately facilitated MP meetings
- Flexibility and open-mindedness and active listening
- Asking WHY
- Formal agreement for outside facilitation