

States Landing Beach Improvements-1/13/16 Planning Board Workshop #2 Minutes

The following is a summary of minutes from the 1/13 Planning Board Workshop for the subject project.

- A. The meeting was a continuation of the 12/9/15 meeting to vet the revised concept plan.
- B. The primary discussion was to confirm the phasing and sequencing of park elements as discussed at the 12/9/15 workshop. Priorities were confirmed as follows:
 1. Complete storm water management measures including rain gardens. The key objective here is natural resource protection specifically as it relates to preserving the water quality (removal of contaminants, sediments, etc.) in Lake Winnepesaukee at States Landing Beach. It was acknowledged that storm water management measures will reduce runoff volume and sediment load from upland areas.
 2. Complete dredging operations at the beach to restore the recreational opportunities previously enjoyed by the community. Dredging operations will be performed to restore the swimming area and improve boat launch operations. There was additional discussion regarding how long it would take for the dredged area to fill in as well as discussion on the limits of work. In summary, the limits of work will extend from the boat launch across the front of the beach area as illustrated in a hatch pattern on the current concept plan. It was acknowledged that dredging will likely be required in the future; the frequency of this maintenance activity is unknown. There was also discussion regarding importing sand materials to create a more inviting finish for beachgoers. It was acknowledged that importing sand could be done but that it would add cost to the project (cost of sand plus additional dredging required to accommodate the imported materials).
 3. Restore and expand the beach area to enhance recreational access and enjoyment.
 4. Construct a parking lot to better control vehicle and trailer parking and traffic movements. The objective is to enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety, minimize impacts to adjoining private properties from uncontrolled vehicle parking and turning movements and open up the area designated for park features that is currently used for vehicle and trailer parking. There was discussion on the size of the parking lot. The consensus was to add an open and stabilized grass area adjacent to the proposed parking lot location for overflow parking. It was also decided that handicap parking should be provided.
 5. Construct a new boat launch to improve lake access by recreational craft. It was confirmed that a tie-off finger dock be provided at the boat ramp to facilitate launching operations.
 6. There was discussion on adding a comfort station to the park elements. Currently portable toilets are made available to users of the beach area but there is concern that more visitors to the site might warrant a more permanent and cleaner solution. It was decided that portable toilets would be considered for now, but that upgrading to a comfort station building would be considered as the project is developed. A proposed location for the portable toilets or future comfort station should be illustrated on the plan.
 7. Construct park features related to ground-side recreation which include: volleyball court, playground area, group shelter, trails, picnic areas with picnic tables/bench seats and BBQ stations. The proposed sequence of construction was discussed and identified as follows:
 - a. Grading and landscaping, signage and picnic areas (tables and BBQ Stations).
 - b. Trail system.
 - c. Shelter and playground area.
 - d. Volleyball and horseshoe pits.
- C. Next Step: KV Partners will begin to develop a site plan for review by Town staff and the Planning Board.