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**CITY OF LEBANON
STORRS HILL FACILITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES August 13, 2024
Storrs Hill Ski Area Lodge & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:00PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: (8/8) **Angela Orlando
Brett Sowerby
Trent Jones
Stephanie Valee
Lauren Cockerill (Alternate)**

MEMBERS ABSENT: (0/7) **Dan Mielcarz
Jennifer Meade
Cory Grant**

STAFF PRESENT: (2) **Paul Coats (Recreation Arts & Parks Director)**

Guests: **Erling Heisted**

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2 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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4 Paul Coats called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
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6 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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8 Minutes were accepted as written by unanimous vote of the committee. Stephanie moved. Brett Second.
9 5 yes. 0 no.

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11 **3. NEW BUSINESS**

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13 Ski Hill Lights: Paul provided an overview of the recent conversion from Metal Halide lights to LED.
14 Brett asked about maintenance plan for the new lights. LOC will replace as able, and City electrician will
15 provide support for lights LOC can't address.

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17 POMA Lift: It was old when we got it, and it is very old now. Regular maintenance allows it to pass
18 inspection annually. Need for major repair could render it obsolete and in need of full replacement at
19 some time in the future. Project will be entered into Capital Improvement Project list for the City.

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21 Lodge: Review of existing plans and new plans submitted to LWCF grant. Discussed need to have State
22 of NH Fire Inspector visit to let us know what we can and can't do before a sprinkler system must be
23 installed.

24 Kitchen: Trent – how does kitchen operations relate to physical space need? Does increase in area
25 produce increase in sales?

26 Steph – could just expand alcohol sales area that is separate so that rentals work better. Rentals is where
27 the increase is seen. Also want to separate the areas so that youth can volunteer.

28 Angela: Can we phase construction? Yes, and it is advantageous to have a full long-term plan to present
29 to the Planning Board rather than one phase at a time.
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1 LOC is trying to be an attraction to invite families here because of the concessions / bar area while kids
2 ski and summer concerts. Attendance is low for music.
3 Shoulder seasons and non-prime summer season may be the best time to schedule events.
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5 Parking Lot: Issues – no viable drop-off drive through flow. Some vagrant behavior after-hours. Parking
6 lot donuts.

7 Stephanie – Lower lot barricades has helped curtail donut spinning.

8 Are security gates an option? Could be for are next to the lodge, but public property needs to be
9 accessible.

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11 **4. Future Agenda Items**

12 Add snow guns to list of recommendations we offer.

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14 Angela: How do we make recommendations that are informed by LOC plans/limits?

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16 Steph: Need community input so we can respond to needs desires of community. Need broader view than
17 just LOC or Facility team.

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19 Next Steps: Poll, community input. What is response rate for polls?

20 FM booth?

21 Community Center survey had 1600 responses.

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23 Signs: Street, entrance. Where else does LOC advertise? Placemats, Image, magazines, Leb Times, radio,
24 social media boosts, coupons with ski equipment vendors.

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26 Committee is voicing a strong interest to help boost attendance at LOC functions and ski days.

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28 Sub Committee to form to start a draft of a public poll to be finalized by committee by mid September.

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30 Next meeting, Tuesday August 27. 6:00 pm Storrs Hill Ski Lodge

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33 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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35 *Paul Coats adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.*

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37 Respectfully submitted,

38 Paul Coats