

10-YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Members Present:

Chair: Guy Gosselin
David Neely (USFS)
Scott Henley (MWO)
Walter Graff (AMC)
Michael Pelchat (DRED)
Wayne Presby (Cog RR)

Speaker Phone
Tim Moore (Citadel)
Mike Sambrook (Citadel)

Absent
Howie Wemyss (Auto Road)

Press – Edith Tucker

1. Review of Empowering Legislation

A. Section 227-B:3, Item II

The Committee voted formally and unanimously to replace “Mount Washington TV, Inc.” with “Citadel Broadcasting Company”

B. Section 227-B:6, Item III

a) Mike Pelchat explained that the Mount Washington Fund was a revolving fund through which all Parks income was funneled and that any grant money or contributions entering that fund would probably have to entered into the operations budget of Parks and utilized as Parks income. He suggested that the Commission would have to establish a separate fund (like the so-called Spaulding Fund for Tip-Top) in order to keep Commission monies separate and accessible.

The Chairman said that he would confer with Paul Fitzgerald and Ken Plourde to ascertain the status of the Mount Washington Fund and the legality of establishing another fund.

b) The Committee agreed that quarterly balance statements or financial summaries by the Parks Department would be adequate for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

C. There was a discussion of the apparent transfer of certain powers and responsibilities to DRED by the Commission over the years. Walter Graf

suggested that changes to the enabling legislation should be kept to a minimum. Scott Henley reported on the status of lease negotiations between DRED and the MWO, including the fact that The Cog RR and the Auto Road are in general agreement about the proposed ticket surcharge.

2. Identify and Prioritize Necessary Improvements or Construction Projects

- A. The Committee was unable to identify other construction or repair issues than those already suggested and itemized elsewhere.

3. Usage

- A. Wayne Presby continues to believe that the 2009 season could be a strong one for Mount Washington enterprises. Walter Graf reported that AMC indicators were not yet in.
- B. It was agreed that any income from passive contribution collectors should be viewed and treated as income for the Parks Department rather than the Commission.

6. No time was set for the next meeting of the Master Planning Committee, but it was decided to hold any subsequent meeting at the Base of the Auto Road.
