

Chandler Reservation Committee

March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs.

Members present: Gerald Courser, Allie Mock, Steve Hall and Jon France

Town Forester Tim Wallace present

Barbara Marty, Jody Sloan and Karinne Heise present from Conservation Committee

Allie gave update on a used rope tow with grab handles that was available for approximately \$30,000 and approximately \$10,000 for installation. Unit is run by electricity.

Barbara and Karinne gave an update on the (10)posts and QR signs and trail map. The posts and signs have been installed and they have started on the trail map design.

The cost for the posts and QR labels/signs was \$471.40, motion made to reimburse Barbara Marty the cost for the posts and signs by Steve, seconded by Gerald. Motion passed.

Discussion on trail map, rough cost for the design was \$400.00, this would cover the cost of the design and have ability to make changes to it. Much discussion on what to have in the map, other points of interest, old lookout tower, trail distances and some type of kiosk to mount it to. Discussion on size of map and laminating the map to increase longevity. Having a printed off version on the map made available for people to use was also thought to be a good idea.

Discussion on bringing back the ski tow was brought up and Jody spoke of some of the information she had gathered, more research to be done. One item was insurance, Primex will not insure the ski tow, would need to get outside coverage, rough costs found so far was approximately \$10,000 per year. Discussion on separating the slope to accommodate skiing and sledding. Determine what type of separation would be adequate to do so.

Discussion on possible timber harvests. Tim spoke of behind Peter Smith's, staying high and coming down ski tow on side, would be a selective cut. One other area is to go back to Osgoodites and do a harvest this Fall, there is an area that has already been marked for a harvest. The last site was to look at Weaver Road and harvest some of the timber that is more difficult to get at but was ready for harvest and to improve road access.