

Ascutney Outdoors
Building for our Community
Fall 2017 Update

The Ascutney Outdoors Board is pleased to share a status report on our ***Building for our Community*** project and announce an exciting new development.

While hosting a wide variety of community events and activities on the mountain this summer, we've been busy with the permitting process and building plans. The construction of the Ascutney Outdoors Center ("AOC") is scheduled to begin in November! In addition, our community has been offered a great new opportunity – a donation of a high-quality T-bar lift that would bring lift-served skiing back to mid-mountain!

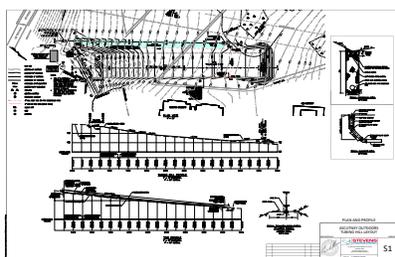
Where we Stand Today

Ascutney Outdoors Center



- Permit approvals are in hand, architectural designs completed, and contractors are lined up to begin construction of the AOC in November.
- We expect that the exterior of the building and mechanical systems will be completed by winter; a speedy process because we'll be using modular panels and the preserved portion of the old foundation.

Tubing Lift



- Permit approvals are nearly complete for an exciting new winter activity: a handle-bar lift for tubing on the lower slope below the bridge.
- With a little help from Mother Nature, we hope to start grading this fall. However, the ability to start operations this winter will depend on the pace of permitting approvals by wetlands and state agencies.

2017-2018 Capital Plan

With thanks to generous donors over the past year, we've raised \$602,000 - more than 80% of our capital goal of \$725,000.

- More than half of the \$602,000 have been raised from local donors, with the remainder coming from Orange Lake Resorts, the Byrne Foundation and a grant. These funds were used to purchase the site and demolish the decrepit old lodge; and they will be used over

the coming months to construct the exterior and mechanicals of the AOC, and the installation of the tubing lift.

- Most of the **remaining \$125,000 still to be raised** will be used to finish the interior of the AOC and landscaping, as well as for trail improvement and a “skills park” for our popular biking activities.

Exciting New Opportunity!

Our strategic plan envisioned the possibility of expanding lift service to mid-mountain some day in the future. We’ve received an intriguing offer that could put us way ahead of schedule.



Two local residents have offered to purchase and donate a 2,500’ high-quality, used Doppelmayr T-bar Lift (\$75,000 cost) and pay for installation-related permitting expenses (expected \$25,000 cost). Their generous offer was made as a result of the progress on the AOC and their confidence in Ascutney Outdoors’ ability to manage activities on a sustainable basis.

The donation of the T-bar is contingent upon (1) completion of the capital campaign for the “Building for Our Community” project, and (2) **raising an additional \$100,000 for installation** of the T-bar. There is great enthusiasm about this amazing opportunity, and we are optimistic that our community will once again step up to the challenge.

We truly appreciate the overwhelming support of the community and our partners in restoring community activities and vitality to “our” mountain!

Please help us complete the construction of the AOC and the installation of the T-bar lift!

Donations may be made online at www.ascutneyoutdoors.org or by mail at Ascutney Outdoors, PO Box 101, Brownsville, VT 05037.

We’d be happy to direct your donation to either project, or both.

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