

Lyndon Outing Club Snowmaking Fund Raising **Update!**

8/4/2022

It is possible that LOC/Shonyo Park could finally have a Snowmaking system as has been an item of discussion for years!!!! A Snowmaking system for the town owned Shonyo Park that is managed by Lyndon Outing Club Board of Directors is far more important to the area then just providing recreation.

We feel that snowmaking as proposed would be a huge economical & educational driver for the area as it should:

- Provide about 110 days of predicable skiing a year.
- Would help attract and retain valuable Lyndon Institute & St. Johnsbury Academy dormitory students. Dormitory students highly value skiing. In 2022, seven boarding students were members of the LI ski team.
- Would make affordable skiing/riding possible during the Christmas and other winter holidays from about 12/15 on each year.
- Would make scheduling regular events possible thru the winter season that require reliable snow.
- Bring people into the area to purchase other goods and services during winter months.
- Provide one more reason for students to attend the Lyndon campus of Northern University over other choices.
- Be an affordable place for families to do things together.
- Provide an after-school activity for children.
- Provide a venue for children to practice work ethics and learn self-esteem for self and others that is transferable to all parts of a successful and useful life!

The LOC Directors and the Snowmaking Committee are making great strides toward making snowmaking and a fully operational winter time Shonyo Park/ LOC a reality!

The full cost of the system including volunteer contributions proposed is \$870,000. To achieve this funding goal, some LOC Board Members and Snowmaking Committee Members are asking:

- 1) The town to contribute 1/3 of this amount (\$290,000) from covid relief monies.
- 2) Volunteers to contribute 1/3 of the amount (\$290,000 in value) to build the pump house and some other components of the system. **As of 8/2/2022 we estimate \$225,000 in like kind pledges of this type have been made.** Below are some of the pledged volunteers so far as of 6/5/2022:
 - Elvin Switzer has already pledged to donate the labor and forms for the 20 x 30 foot pump house building slab. Josh McNally Masonry.
 - Jeff Powers has pledged to donate painting services for the exterior and interior of pump house.
 - Jeff Cleveland and Caleb Temple have pledged to donate the needed "earth moving" around the pump house area and more.
 - Alex Henderson/Sutton Electric has pledged to donate the electrical labor for the pump house.
 - New England Foam Insulation located in St. Johnsbury is considering donating some level of insulation for the pump house building, but cannot make a decision or commitment until the building design is finalized.
 - Dick Tomasco has agreed to donate his labor and expertise in the Mechanical/Building Interface.

- Tim Ruggles, civil engineer, is already donating his time and expertise to help settle the water issue with the town of Lyndon for permitted flow rates and durations.
 - Many individuals have also pledged to provide labor where needed including building a future pond!
- 3) Private individuals, companies, and organizations to contribute 1/3 or \$290,000. The fund drive began on of 6/5/2022. As of 8/4/2022, **\$56,900 has been pledged so far as noted below.**

• David Williams \$1,000 6/3/2022	• Chris Kathy Devereaux/Suton Fir \$1,000 6/4/2022
• Mark Kwiecienski \$1,000 6/3/2022	• Doug Graham \$1,000 6/5/2022
• White Market/Brian & Cheryl Bona \$10,000 6/3/2022	• Pledges of any amount \$5, \$10, \$20, \$100 or more are all appreciated and will be posted.
• John Holland \$2,500 6/3/2022	• Janet Kwiecienski \$200 6/12/2022
• Anonymous \$2,500 6/3/2022	• Nicks Gas & Go Ronnie Leach \$500 6/9/2022
• Mike & Cici Flynn \$2,500 6/3/2022	• Village Sport \$1,000 6/13/2022
• Mark Wheeler \$1,000 6/3/2022	• Kim and Barret Adams \$100 6/13/2022
• Sweet Lyndon Maple / David and Judy Allard \$250 6/13/2022	• Lyndon Furniture/Brian Ball \$250 6/13/2022
• Nick Guyer \$500 7/1/2022	• Peter and Julie Murphy \$10,000 7/18/2022
• Stephanie Wales \$100 7/19/2022	• Lyndon Furniture \$1,000 7/27/2022
• Sean and Danika Rolfe \$1,000 7/27/2022	• Ron Guy \$100 7/29/2022
• Charles and Annie Santry & HKD family \$18,000 8/1/2022	• A.Robert & Joanne Bertrand/Metric Wrench \$500 8/4/2022
• House of Pizza \$1,000 8/4/2022	•
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Currently, LOC is a 501-c4, but is in the process of trying to acquire 501-c3 status. LOC has also initiated VT act 250 approval for components of the snow system. Please join all of us who have enjoyed this unique place and consider making a pledge to this project. (504-c4 are non-profits – donations are not deductible. Donations to 501-c3 organizations are generally deductible for many).

Pledge Form

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Pledge Amount:** _____ **Is 501-3c status for LOC a condition of your pledge?** _____
Pledges are due only if and when all 3 funding sources are first fully 100% committed and all approvals gained. To learn more or if you have questions, please contact:

David Williams 1-802-745-7115 or Wendy Beattie: 1-802-626-9781 or email board@skilyndon.com
 Please submit this form to: David Williams, lynviewfarm@gmail.com PO Box 759, Lyndonville, VT 05851
 More information on the snow system proposed is found at ShonyoParkSnow.org